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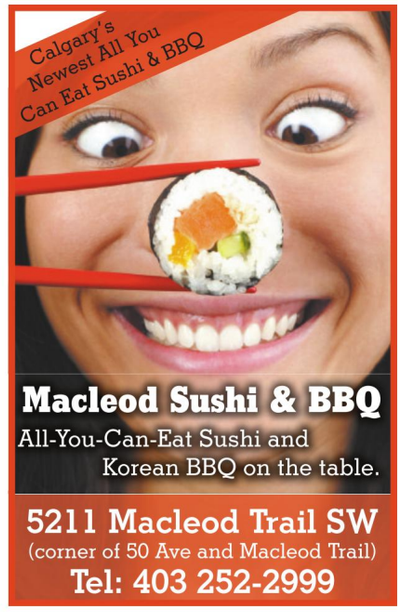

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Toronto Mayor Rob Ford whistles as he walks to a meeting at Toronto City Hall on Thursday. Two more members of Ford's staff resigned and a second arrest has been made in the March killing of a Toronto man believed to have been seen with Ford in a photo linked to the crack-video scandal. See page 4 for story. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

CBE, developer explore ways to build new schools

Space crunch.
Third party could build facility to better serve community in need

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Driven by an urgent need for new schools, Calgary's public board is exploring a groundbreaking partnership with a city developer to jump-start construction of at least one facility.

While details of the preliminary negotiations are being kept under wraps, a Calgary Board of Education (CBE) spokesperson acknowledged the potential move marks uncharted territory for an organization being confronted with numerous overcrowded schools and continuously growing student population.

"When you have got a situation where we know we need 25 new schools just to catch up, we have to look at other opportunities," Megan Geyer said.

Because talks are ongoing, Geyer added, the CBE could disclose neither the developer nor the community that it's eyeing for a new facility,

The talks come in line with the organization's newly approved 2014-17 capital plan, which requests $860 million for 49 new-school and modernization projects.

Calgary realtor Robin Spiers said the idea makes a lot of sense from a developer's standpoint. Some of his clients are already moving specifically to be included inside the guaranteed-entry walk zone of schools in the city's fastest-growing areas.

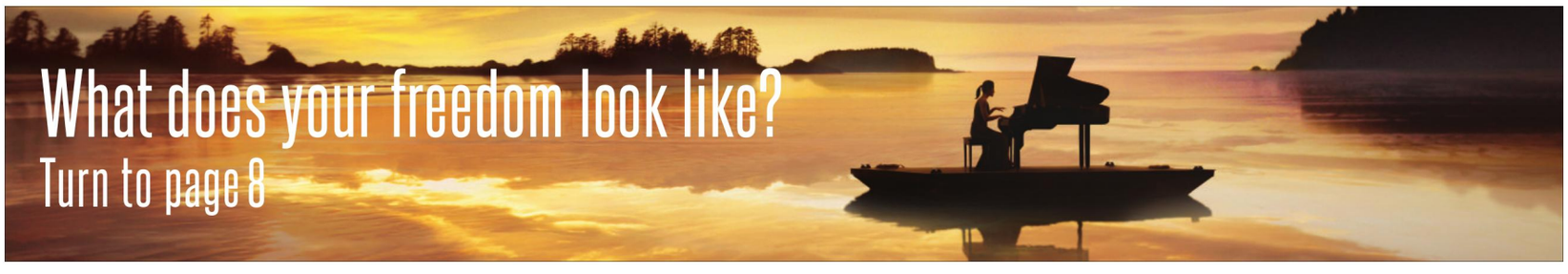
He said communities like Walden and Silverado in the deep southeast could set themselves apart if a developer arranged to have a school built.

"I guarantee you families would flock there," he said. "That would be a huge selling point."

While partnering with a developer to build a school represents a new pursuit from the board, it has made less direct arrangements with private enterprise in the past.

Hamptons School, which opened in 1999, was purchased from a developer and Radisson Park School was built by a private company in exchange for two other facilities owned by the CBE.

But other proposals in the past appear to have gained little traction. Brookfield Residential, for example, offered more than a decade ago to build a gym in New Brighton if the province approved funds for an adjacent school. More than a decade on, the southeast community has only just been approved for a kindergarten to Grade 4 site.



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Let's be friends

Academy.
Concerns raised about CBE's role in Stampede arts campus

Word that Calgary's public school board wants to be included in a performance-arts-focused campus at Stampede Park is drawing concern from a founding member of a charter academy already involved in the project.

Ken McNeill helped start the Calgary Arts Academy, an organization that has been included in talks regarding the Stampede Youth Campus for five years.

The campus project comes as part of a larger redevelopment in the area and would feature a facility that allows students to integrate standard core-subject learning with real-world performing-arts experience.

But McNeill was quick to raise questions about the Calgary Board of Education's desire to build a facility at the campus — a plan first made public with the release of the board's revised capital plan Monday.

"I find this somewhat disconcerting in that the Calgary Board of Education waits for other people to do things and then they try to get involved.... Where's the passion that's involved in this?" he said. "They have an administrative orientation towards it — we have a passion towards kids in arts."

CBE officials have said the campus school was put on their plan as a "placeholder" and a superintendent said this week it would likely take another 12 months to finalize a "vision" for the site.

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Customers line up for Fries and Dolls food truck along the East Village River Walk in this file photo. Trucks will soon be allowed to set up at city parks. METRO FILE

Food trucks to roll into city parks

Permit required. Food trucks will be able to reserve spots at select parks for a day at a time

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Calgary food trucks will soon be able to take their business from the streets to select city parks during a new pilot program this summer.

From June 15 to Aug. 15, the city will allow trucks to obtain permits for 28 spots in the parking lots of 24 Calgary parks, according to Doug Taggart, supervisor of Shouldice Athletic Park.

"It's very similar to booking a picnic site or booking a soccer field.... You're just going to book a food-truck stall," he said.

Larger parks, such as Glenmore Athletic Park, will cost $50 per weekday and $125 on weekends. Smaller parks, such as Woodbine, will cost $25 per weekday and $50 on weekends.

"We're hoping to get feedback from the food trucks on whether this system will work," said Taggart.

Aman Adatia, owner and operator of the Naaco Truck, said he's skeptical of how beneficial the new pilot will be for food trucks.

"I think it's a good thing to be allowed in city parks. What I don't agree with is the fee," he said.

Adatia said when the city is not offering any electrical or water hookups, and food trucks will only be allowed to park in the parking lots, he said he doesn't see the financial benefit.

"I think I'd like to experiment with it but only if it were to make sense," he said, adding that $125 "might not seem like a lot but … there are some (food trucks) that legitimately make $300 to $500 a day."

For a full list of city parks that will allow food trucks, visit metronews.ca.

Proposed bylaw

The city is seeking feedback on a proposed food-truck bylaw until June 14.

- An open house is scheduled for June 5 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Telus Convention Centre in the Glen Room.
- City council will consider the bylaw on July 29.

Doctors vote. 94% in favour of seven-year contract with province

Fred Horne METRO FILE

Alberta's rank-and-file doctors signed off on a seven-year contract with the province Thursday, wrapping up years of sometimes bitter negotiations.

"I was always hopeful that this day would arrive," said Health Minister Fred Horne.

"It's a great day for Alberta physicians, but it's a great day for our health system as well."

The Alberta Medical Association announced that almost 94 per cent of its members who voted accepted the deal with the province. Voter turnout was 38 per cent, which the medical association said is typical.

In an open letter to doctors, association president Michael Giuffre said "solidarity and support carried the day and allowed the AMA to find a way forward to conclude these lengthy and challenging negotiations."

Doctors don't get a pay increase for the first three years of the contract. But the agreement is retroactive to April 2011, when the last contract expired, so the first two years of the pay freeze are already over.

The deal includes a one-time, lump-sum payment totalling $68 million to address financial challenges for doctors maintaining their own practices. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Minimum wage goes up. But it's still the lowest in the country

Alberta's minimum wage is increasing by two dimes at the end of August and will remain the lowest in the country.

Effective Sept. 1, the 29,300 workers on the lowest end of the pay scale will earn $9.95 an hour.

The liquor server wage will remain unchanged at $9.05 an hour.

Government figures show Nunavut's minimum wage is the highest in Canada at $11 an hour.

Minimum wage workers in Ontario and British Columbia make $10.25 an hour, while minimum wage in Saskatchewan is $10. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Starting point

"After taxes, Alberta's minimum wage is the second-highest amongst Canadian provinces and provides a good starting point for entering the workforce."

Human Services Minister Dave Hancock
in a statement

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford addresses the media over the resignation of two more people from his staff at city hall in Toronto on Thursday. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Alberta arrest made in death of man linked to T.O. crack-video scandal

Canada-wide warrant. Hanad Mohamed, 23, arrested on a charge of first-degree murder

Police say a second arrest has been made in the killing of a Toronto man believed to be seen with Mayor Rob Ford in a photo linked to the ongoing crack-video scandal.

Police say a 23-year-old man was arrested Friday in Fort McMurray, Alta., in connection with the death of Anthony Smith.

An image of Ford with his arm around a man believed to be Smith has been widely circulated, along with reports that drug dealers were trying to sell an alleged video that appears to show the mayor smoking crack cocaine.

A U.S.-based website that reported news of the alleged video said an editor had been shown the photo by the video tipster as evidence of his claims.

Toronto police say a Canada-wide warrant had been issued for the arrest of Hanad Mohamed on a charge of first-degree murder and he was taken into custody with the assistance of the RCMP.

Police say Mohamed is being returned to Toronto and will appear in court Friday.

He is the second man charged with first-degree murder in the killing. Nisar Hashimi, 23, was arrested in April in connection with the death of Smith.

When asked about the photo on his weekly radio show Sunday, Ford said he takes pictures with many people and doesn't know them all.

He also denies he uses crack cocaine or is an addict and has said the video does not exist. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Takes lots of pictures

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The famous sign of Eamon's Bungalow Camp will be saved, but the fate of the building is up in the air. METRO FILE

Former owner makes last-ditch pitch to save historic Eamon's

Business opportunity. Bob Everett figures proposals will come 'in droves' if funds for restoration are secured

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With time running out for the Eamon's Bungalow Camp building, a former owner has an idea he hopes will prompt the city to grant the historic structure a stay of execution.

"It's too important of a building to miss this opportunity," said Bob Everett, who's enlisted the help of the Bearspaw Historical Society to raise funds and restore the building, if the city is willing to go along with the idea.

Everett noted the society did "a really good job" raising money and restoring the historic Bearspaw One Room School.

A city report estimated it would cost $400,000 to $570,000 to restore the Eamon's building, but by "being thrifty" Everett figures it could be done for as little as $300,000.

If a significant portion of that can be raised in short order, Everett hopes the city and province will chip in the rest.

The city has committed to preserving the historic Eamon's sign, but is still waiting on private-sector proposals on what to do with the building, which has been moved off site.

So far, few if any proposals have materialized and, without a viable use for the building, some members of council have suggested it simply be scrapped.

Uncertain future

- The 1950s-era gas station was a popular tourist site and pit stop for people travelling between Calgary and Banff.
- Located on Crowchild Trail, the site will be the future home of the Tuscany LRT station.
- Aldermen are set to vote in June on what to do with the building, which was once featured in a Corey Hart music video.

Ald. Dale Hodges plans to speak with Everett Friday and said he's open to ideas to save the building. "If he can make some headway with the society, that's great," Hodges said.

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Airdrie resident. Father's last words to accident victim: 'Be careful'

Family members mourning the loss of an Airdrie resident who fell from the roof of a car and later died say they're amazed with the outpouring of support from friends.

Jonathan Brenton McIntyre, 26, was attempting Saturday to climb onto the roof of a car travelling on a highway in Alton, N.S., when he fell and suffered a severe head injury.

McIntyre was rushed to hospital but died Tuesday.

His father, Charles McIntyre, said from his Nova Scotia home Thursday he's been flooded with emails and some people have even flown out from Airdrie to be with the family as they prepare a memorial for Jonathan on Saturday.

"It was an accident — as far as I know he fell out the window," Charles added. "He was just a great young man, he would do anything for you at any time."

Jonathan worked for Fluor Canada and was on vacation in Nova Scotia.

Charles said he remembers his last exchange with his son well.

Jonathan Brenton McIntyre, 26 SUPPLIED

"I said, 'Be careful, Jon. I love you and I'll talk to you in the morning,'" Charles said. "That's just unconditional with me. And when we talk, before he hung up, he would always say, 'Dad, I love you and I'll talk to you later.' ... We never talked again."

RCMP have not indicated what led Jonathan to attempt to climb out of the vehicle he was in. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

$90K. Attainable Homes expands eligibility for Calgarians with children

More Calgarians struggling to put together a down payment but otherwise qualified to buy a home will be eligible for support now that Attainable Homes Calgary Corporation (AHCC) has loosened its eligibility criteria.

As of June 1, AHCC will raise its income threshold for people with dependent children to $90,000. Previously, a family's household income had to be $80,300 or less to qualify.

"We have found that many families earning just over $80,000 were still struggling to save the down payment required in the ownership market," AHCC CEO David Watson said Thursday in a statement announcing the changes.

The non-profit AHCC partners with the city and local builders to offer homes at below-market rates, with the built-in equity counting as a down payment.

"You can get into a new home with a relatively small down payment, and then the city shares in the equity should you ever sell the place," explained Mayor Naheed Nenshi, who sits on the AHCC board of directors. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Jessica Thompson and her 18-month-old son Nathan check out the kitchen of their brand-new home, purchased through AHCC. METRO FILE

Tax-room windfall

Last chance to answer $52M question

Calgary's final public consultations on the $52-million tax-room windfall take place this weekend.

On Friday, city officials will be at the Northland Village Mall from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Then on Saturday, they will be at Chinook Centre from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Southcentre Mall from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Finally, on Sunday, they will be at Sunridge Mall from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

You can also offer feedback on how to use the funds by calling 311 or visiting Calgary.ca/52million. METRO

Diabetic supplies

Province to cover insulin pumps

Fulfilling a campaign promise, the Alberta government announced Thursday that it will now provide coverage for insulin pumps.

The province pledged that Albertans with Type 1 diabetes can now receive coverage for their pumps and other diabetic supplies.

Insulin pumps are small portable devices that replace daily injections, and instead give users insulin through a small tube inserted under the skin. METRO EDMONTON

Colouring books?

Calgary MLA wants investigation of CDI college

The province is being called on to investigate an Alberta college after nursing students claimed they were given colouring books in place of learning materials, and encouraged to watch Netflix and hold wheelchair races during class time.

The students from CDI College's Edmonton South Campus went forward with their claims earlier this month, and Calgary MLA Kent Hehr said Thursday he's been in discussions with those making the allegations. JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO

Calgary restaurant creates 'rooftop ecosystem'

Education. downtownfood hopes to teach Calgarians about urban gardening

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Bees buzzing, vegetables sprouting and flowers blooming — all on the rooftop of a downtown Calgary restaurant.

The YYC Urban Agriculture Project isn't you're average rooftop garden, but rather a rooftop ecosystem, according to Darren MacLean, chef and owner of downtownfood, which sits below the newly created outdoor space.

"The whole goal is to create a really wonderful, fully integrated space for the education of the public and also to prove that you can grow food downtown," said MacLean.

The chef plans to use some of the greens and herbs in his kitchen, and will donate some of the harvest to local charities.

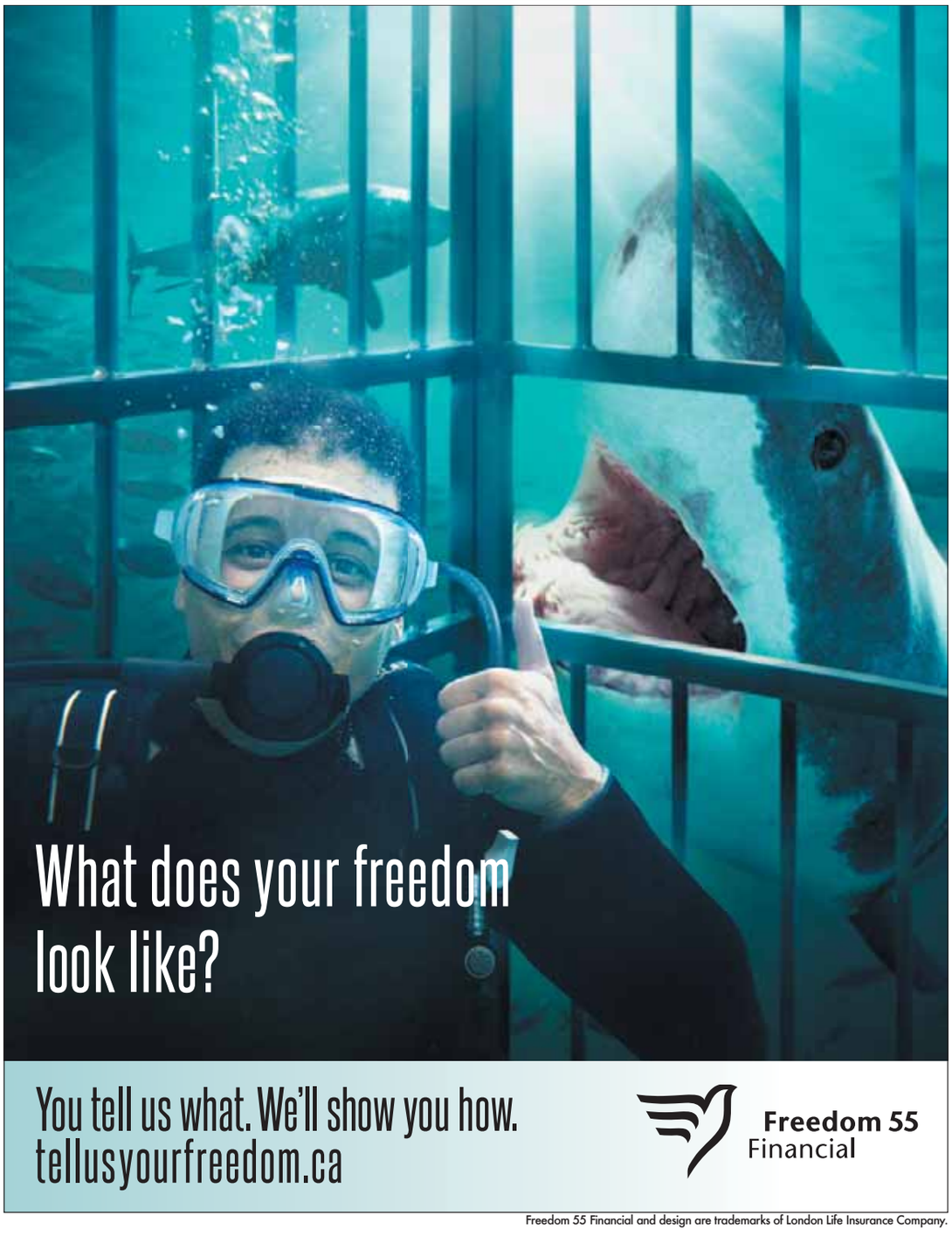
"It's a way that we can make a small impact in a downtown space."

The 8 Avenue S.W. restaurant is building a space that will house not only 30 different fruits, vegetables and herbs but also a beehive, lady bugs, a composting system and a solar-powered irrigation system.

Permaculture designer Luke Kimmel of Leaf Ninja's said they created the rooftop space with an interconnected system in mind.

"Growing food is a whole system; there needs to be composting, there needs to be pollination, there needs to be proper water use," he said. "This can be done. We can grow food in cities, on rooftops and in the most unexpected places."

Chef and owner of downtownfood Darren MacLean will use some of the herbs and produce grown on his rooftop ecosystem in his restaurant. KATIE TURNER/METRO



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Greetings! Warrior Paint project wins National Student Innovation awards

Greeting cards based on their ancestral artwork landed kids from a Cochrane elementary first place in the Calgary Board of Education's National Student Innovation awards.

Aboriginal students from Cochrane's Glenbow Elementary accepted the award at First Canada place Thursday, and one of their teachers said the kids couldn't be more proud.

"All of these kids have had some kind of connection with the food bank," said Colleen Hescl-Ball.

"We asked the students what they think we should do to help them and that's how the project got started."

The "warrior paint project" involved the children creating paintings featuring photographs of their Morley ancestors, which were donated by the Glenbow Museum, and turning them into greeting cards.

"They were involved with everything from the packaging to asking for the loan. Really enthusiastic about it all," Hescl-Ball said.

Students from Glenbow Elementary school proudly display their first-place plaque at the National Student Innovation awards. ALLISON PARDER/FOR METRO

Jeri Sherban, community investment manager for BMO and Calgary co-ordinator for the entrepreneurial awards, lauded the students' work.

There are six national awards given out annually. Approximately 200 students participated in the event, representing 19 schools across three districts.

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McCall Lake Golf Course

Tax windfall should go to save golf course, says ex-alderman

Golfers rolling out a campaign to save their beloved northeast Calgary golf course have now got the backing of a former city aldermen of 18 years.

John Schmal ended his run on city council in 2004 but has remained active in the community. He wants the city to use a portion of a $52-million tax windfall to go towards saving McCall Lake Golf Course, which faces closure after the 2014 season.

"Let's be fair and not pick on an area of the city," Schmal said Thursday. "This is a large golf course — a viable golf course — if you're going to close it, you might might as well close all of them."

The city has put forward five options on how to use the $52 million, and hosted an "experimental" debate earlier this week that was moderated by Brett Wilson of Dragons' Den and attended by hundreds at the Devonian Gardens. Schmal wasn't totally sold on the city's brand of public engagement to date.

"This is all a lot of hoopla ahead of an election," he said, before questioning why only five options were put forward on how to use the dollars.

Area Ald. Ray Jones indicated earlier this month $8 million in maintenance upgrades are needed to keep McCall running.

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Fines. City rules Tibetan mastiffs owners must pay

Fines totalling $3,250 were doled out to the owners of two Tibetan mastiffs involved in a northeast Calgary incident in April.

The animals were at large in the communities of Martindale and Falconridge, and in order to control the dogs a Taser was used.

An officer was bit in the leg during the altercation.

According to the city's animal and bylaw services, the owners signed the dogs over to the them, and the dogs were both subsequently euthanized after being deemed a danger to the public.

Charges

Each owner was charged with multiple offences under the Responsible Pet Ownership Bylaw.

"The behavioural assessment made it clear these dogs could not be allowed out in the public again. Euthanasia is always a last resort and we take that decision very seriously," said Alvin Murray, animal and bylaw services operations manager. METRO

Construction

Westin temporary fix OK'd by city

After a review by the city's safety-response unit, it has been determined that a temporary shoring of the columns at the Westin Hotel is adequate in regards to protecting public safety.

According to the city, a permit for remediation work will be submitted for a full repair on the parkade, with construction to be done in the coming weeks.

The city will be monitoring the project through regular inspections. METRO

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Faking it for our sake?

Naysayers will probably tell you that like most reality shows, the outcome of the money has already been decided and that council is just letting us believe that we're involved in the process.

Earlier this week, city council teamed up with philanthropist and reality show personality W. Brett Wilson and held a live debate with Calgarians to help decide the fate of an extra $52 million that has ended up in its coffers.

The meeting took on a Dragons' Den-style format and people seemed to respond positively.

As someone who loves reality TV — and has even auditioned for a show or two — I love that city council is having a little fun with how the money is spent.

Of course, naysayers will probably tell you that like most reality shows, the outcome of the money has already been decided and that council is just letting us believe that we're involved in the process.

But it's fun to at least pretend we have a say, isn't it?

And really, our council could be doing a lot worse.

Just look at Toronto, which is now being run by Gawker, and Montreal, which technically doesn't even have a mayor.

Since this format has been generally well received, it got me thinking about other ways that reality TV-style decisions could help this city continue to prosper.

What if instead of going to court to fight a traffic ticket, you were forced to perform in front of a panel of aldermen? It would sort of be like The Voice or American Idol, but with less product placement.

Most would be too scared to perform and just pay the ticket, thus saving the courts a ton of time.

But if you were confident in your crooning abilities then you would be able to try to impress those aldermen.

If successful, your ticket would be ripped up.

The year's best singer would secure a spot in the Sled Island lineup. That way, local culture is also being supported.

I'd also like to organize a Bachelor-style reality show for our mayor, who as far as we know has been single since taking office.

Citizens would be asked to nominate potential women.

Then Mayor Naheed Nenshi could use his Twitter account to keep us abreast of each date's success.

Of course, eliminations would take place in front of city hall and instead of roses, the mayor would hand out traditional white cowboy hats. We could marry him off by the end of the year.

I'd also support adapting a reality show format for the upcoming municipal election.

If people want to run for city council, they should be forced to show us how bad they want it.

Competitions could include the soul-crushing Survivor: Deerfoot, The Comically Confusing Amazing Race: Crossroads Market and, of course, the all-too familiar Dancing With the Likely Drunk Person on Transit.

I mean, if they want to run this city, shouldn't they have to put up with the same realities that we have to?

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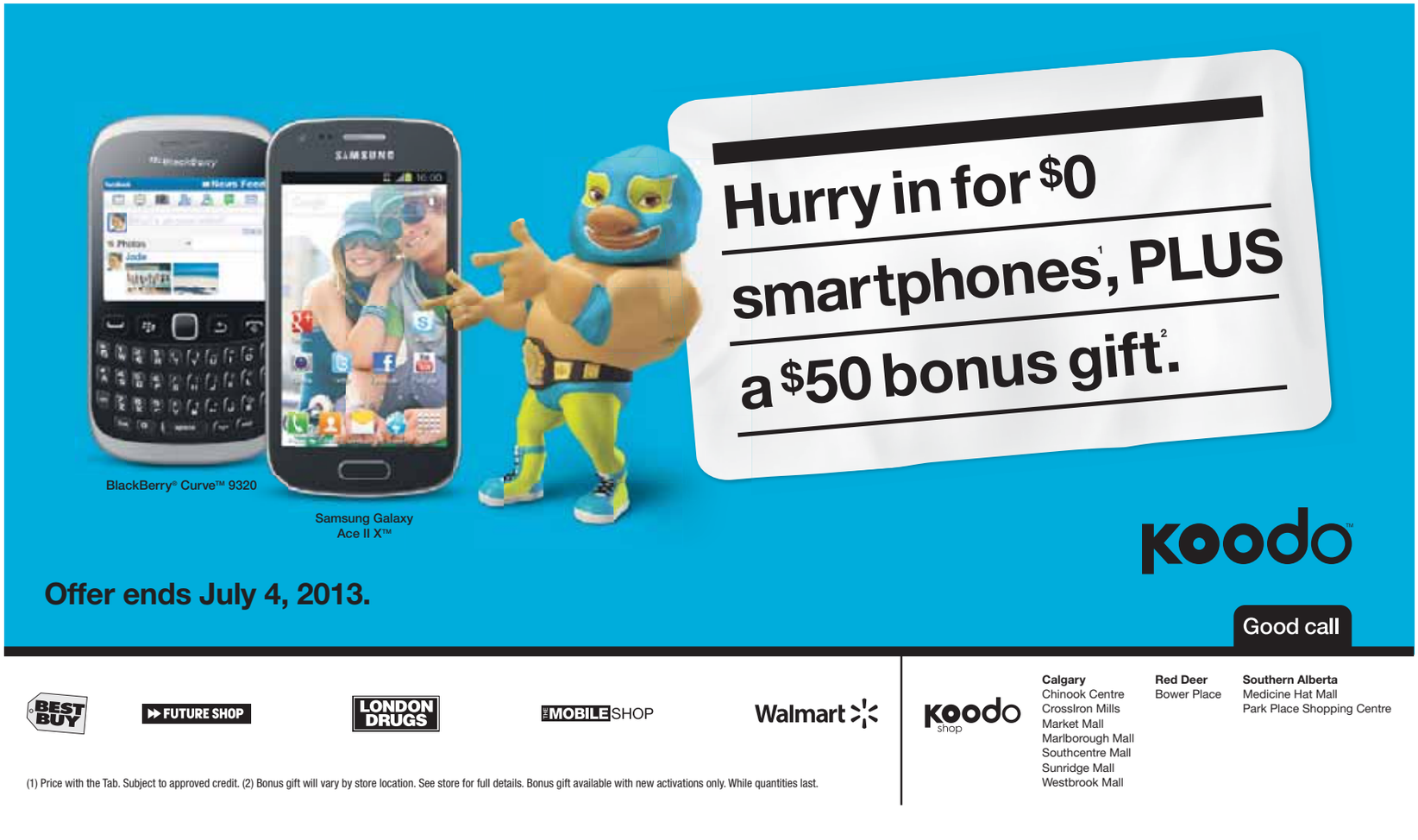

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Brain health the focus of $825K donation to ACH

Alberta Children's Hospital. Money will support kids with injury, mental illness

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Hudson Fowler plays with his new train set at the Alberta Children's Hospital, where staff saved his life when he was an infant. ALLISON PARDER/FOR METRO

Donita Fowler says her three-year-old son Hudson wouldn't be alive today if it weren't for the efforts of the staff at the Alberta Children's hospital when he was just nine days old.

"Hudson wouldn't be here today if people didn't donate," said Fowler, who was on hand for the announcement of a $5-million donation from Federal Co-operatives Limited (FCL) to five different Western Canada children's hospitals.

"They couldn't have saved him otherwise."

The Alberta Children's Hospital will get $825,000 of that money over the next five years, and it will help fund brain-health programs — specifically the imaging program. The money comes less than a month after another substantial donation to the hospital's brain-injury research program.

"This is going to really support kids with injury and illness to the brain," said Saifa Koonar, president and CEO of the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation.

"When we look at mental-health disorders in children and youth, one in five are dealing with mental-health issues such as depression and anxiety," Koonar said.

Fowler said the quality of care at ACH is second-to-none.

"This place is staffed with the best of the best. If your child is going to get sick, this is the best place for them to be," Fowler said.

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Transportation investigators are continuing to piece together clues in connection with a helicopter crash that killed two people. RCMP/CONTRIBUTED

Mom's fears come true as daughter killed on the job

Chopper crash.
Mother of biologist killed in helicopter crash worried about daughter's work

Kristina Norstrom grew up as a tough tomboy who rode horses on her family's rural property in southern Alberta before she became a government biologist and flew across vast northern forests to study wildlife.

She loved working with animals but didn't often talk about her job with her family. Still, her mother, Linda Norstrom, worried about her oldest child being in the air.

"My husband wouldn't tell me either when she had to go up, because I didn't want to know," she said Thursday through tears. "Any time that they have to look for animals in the helicopter means there's danger."

Norstrom, 39, died Wednesday when the chopper she was in crashed in the Birch Mountain area northwest of Fort McMurray. The pilot, Bryce Campbell of Golden, B.C., was also killed.

Fellow provincial biologist Simon Slater survived the crash and was recovering in hospital Thursday.

Officials with Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development said the two scientists were surveying vanishing herds of woodland caribou. On Wednesday's trip, the biologists had been collecting radio collars that had fallen off some of the animals.

Norstrom had worked for the province for several years and was stationed in Athabasca, about an hour's drive north of Edmonton. She lived alone on a rural property with her dog and some stray cats, said her mother.

She often came home to the family farm in High River, south of Calgary, to visit. She last helped her dad tag calves and, on Mother's Day, weeded her mom's entire garden.

She was a smart, kind and beautiful woman, inside and out, said her mother.

"She always put everybody else first, including her job," she said. "She died doing something she loved — I just don't know why she died."

Investigators were still looking into the cause of the crash but indicated weather conditions at the time appear to have been good.

Jon Lee of the Transportation Safety Board said the chopper went down over level, forested terrain that appeared dry from photos of the site.

"It is flat and boreal forest," he said. "It is not in water. The ground looks pretty firm."

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China. Miracle boy rescued from sewer pipe released to grandparents

The mother of a Chinese baby boy who was rescued from a sewer pipe beneath a restroom shortly after birth is unlikely to face criminal charges because authorities concluded he fell into the toilet accidentally, local officials and media reports said Thursday.

The baby was released from a hospital to his maternal grandparents late Wednesday, while his mother, 22, remains under medical care. The infant was rescued from a pipe underneath a squat toilet in Zhejiang province. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

An accident, say police

The mother raised the alarm about the baby when he got stuck Saturday in a pipe below a toilet in a restroom. But she had cleared away signs of a birth and did not immediately come forward as the mother.

The baby rescued after being trapped in a sewage pipe. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tunisian Femen activist fined; more charges pending

Protesters at the courthouse in Kairouan, Tunisia. NAWFEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Amina Sboui. Activist went into hiding due to death threats; now she's accused of writing 'Femen' on a cemetery wall

A court convicted the Tunisian member of the Ukrainian feminist group Femen Tuesday for carrying an "incendiary object" and fined her $182.

She remains in custody pending more serious charges.

Supportive dad

"I am proud of my daughter, who has honoured the rights of women." **Mounir Sboui, Amina's father,** who made the comment in an interview and was in court to support her.

Amina Sboui, who posted topless photos of herself online as part of a women's rights protest, attempted to carry out a new protest on May 19 in the religious centre of Kairouan. She was arrested and charged with carrying a canister of pepper spray.

Prosecutors on Thursday, however, said they are considering bringing more serious charges against her, including desecrating a cemetery and offending public decency, according to defence lawyer Mokhtar Jannene.

Sboui will appear in court again June 5.

Outside the court, about 200 protesters, including many religious conservatives, chanted slogans against Sboui, accusing her of attacking the city and insulting Islam. They also shouted insults at the defence lawyers and accused them of "sullying" the image of the city, a centre for religious pilgrimage. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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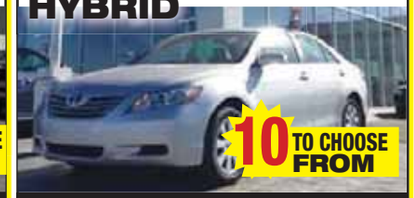

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Despite fresh allegations and loss of staff, Ford is 'doing fine'

Status d'oh. T.O. mayor keeps cool despite new reports he said he knew where alleged video was

Rob Ford brushed aside questions on Thursday about a new claim that he knew the whereabouts of an alleged crack cocaine video in another chaotic day that saw two more aides leave.

As the storm continued to rage, Toronto's defiant mayor said he's "not stepping aside."

Repeatedly asked about the allegations, Ford simply said, "Anything else? Anything else?"

That left his brother, Coun. Doug Ford, to denounce a Toronto Star report — which did not name its sources — that alleged the mayor told senior aides not to worry about the video purportedly showing him smoking crack because he knew where it was.

"This is the Toronto Star trying to keep the story alive," Coun. Ford said.

"In my opinion, we have a disgruntled employee, ex-employee I should say, that obviously is upset that's thrown these false accusations out."

In a similar pattern to when former chief of staff Mark Towhey was walked out of city hall, another aide, policy adviser Brian Johnston, left under escort on Thursday.

Johnston told reporters in the basement garage he had resigned because "the timing was right." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Nothing to see

"I'm running in the next election. Things are going great and we're doing fine."
Toronto Mayor Rob Ford

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford has lost a total of five staff members since the scandal broke. STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Provincial response

Premier looks at options

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne is concerned about the turmoil in Toronto, but said "there is no clear path of action for the province" to intervene.

"As a citizen and as the premier of the province, I'm concerned that things are not as they should be at city hall, and it's hard to imagine that it could be business as usual," she told reporters.

While some sort of provincial takeover of the mayor's office is impossible, she indicated that changes could loom in the legislation overseeing the city. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Could you tell if Ford is fibbing?

A lesson in deception.
Expert describes how one might try to crack Toronto's crack scandal

JESSICA SMITH
Metro in Toronto

Human beings make poor lie detectors — our gut feelings lead us astray, and we tend to rely on false stereotypes about shifty-eyed liars.

"Most people perform around the level of chance ... the same accuracy as would be expected simply by flipping a coin," said Leanne ten Brinke, a postdoctoral fellow at UC Berkeley, in an email interview.

Ten Brinke studies deception. In her doctoral thesis at University of British Columbia Okanagan, she tested our ability to detect high-stakes lies — specifically, televised pleas for the safe return of a missing loved one, comparing genuine pleas to those of people later found to have killed the missing person.

Toronto Mayor Rob Ford on May 22.
STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The genuine pleaders expressed sincere sadness on their faces and gave relatively long pleas, she said. The liars had difficulty appearing genuinely sad; instead their faces showed subtle smiles and surprise.

"Because many of the muscles in our face are not under strong voluntary control, they could not bring their eyebrows upward and together, as occurs in genuine sadness. Instead their eyebrows only came upward — making them appear surprised," ten Brinke said.

Her best advice is to throw away stereotypes — especially that liars will look shifty or gaze in a certain direction.

Instead, observers should look for inconsistencies in verbal, facial and body language behaviours and look for "leakages" of genuine emotion.

Asked about finding the truth in the ongoing Rob Ford crack video scandal, ten Brinke said her research can be a great tool for investigative reporters.

"If you notice some suspicious behaviour, you probably want to question the person further about that topic — they could be hiding something that you might be able to reveal."

Partners signing for mining

Chilean President Sebastian Pinera visits Parliament Hill on Thursday. During his stay, Chile and Canada signed a renewed partnership framework that included "a strong commitment to responsible resource development" and the exchange of expertise, "including research and development to reduce the environmental footprint of mining." Canadian mining operations abroad continue to attract opposition, particularly over environmental concerns. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lethbridge, Alta.

Three women charged in brawl at children's hockey game

Police in southern Alberta have charged three women after a fight at a children's hockey game earlier this year.

A police news release says officers were called to the Adams Ice Arena in Lethbridge in February about a disturbance involving several spectators.

A verbal exchange about obscene language being used around the youngsters led to one woman punching another, pulling her hair out and throwing her to the ground.

A third woman then kicked the victim.

Thirty-four-year-old Tania Lenni Day Chief, 54-year-old Theda Day Chief — both of Standoff, Alta. — and Tamara Margaret Day Chief, 24, of Glenwood, Alta., each face one count of assault.

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Dragged alongside car. iPhone robbery leaves Toronto actor battered

A Toronto actor faced a case of life imitating art Tuesday when he was the victim of a violent cellphone theft.

Jeff Hanson, who is currently in a play about random violent attacks, was walking home from a performance when a car pulled up. The driver asked to borrow his iPhone, and immediately after Hanson leaned into the window and handed him his phone, the man stepped on the gas.

"I had a fight-or-flight reaction," recalled Hanson, who grabbed onto the inside of the car as the man sped off.

As the car travelled south on Bathurst, the driver swerved around a vehicle and into oncoming traffic, Hanson said. After about a block and a half, Hanson said the driver began speeding towards a parked car.

"I knew if I didn't let go, he was going to pin me between (the parked car and his vehicle) and that could have been really bad," said Hanson. "So I let go and started rolling."

Jeff Hanson in hospital after Tuesday's incident. COURTESY JUNE MITTLER

Hanson, 29, is recovering in hospital with a mild concussion and deep bruises and cuts to his face and chest. Despite complications caused by blood between his skull and brain, he's expected to make a full recovery.

"I realize I was lucky. Everyone who saw the accident and has spoken to me here . . . is surprised that I'm doing as well as I am."

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Ikea monkey's 'mom' in court to get him back

Darwin. Abuse allegations dropped as Toronto lawyer describes unusual bond with 'son'

A primate sanctuary is no longer alleging that the Ikea monkey was abused by the woman who calls herself his "mom," who wept in court Thursday as she described her bond with her "son."

Yasmin Nakhuda took her monkey, Darwin, everywhere, she testified. Nakhuda, a Toronto real-estate lawyer, took him to work, the gym, shopping, to a wedding, and brought him in the shower with her.

Quoted

"Having Darwin... was like the chance to experience motherhood again... I treated him like my son."
Yasmin Nakhuda, Darwin's owner

She took him to an Ikea in December, locked his crate and the car and told him she would be right back. But Darwin escaped and ran around the parking lot. Toronto Animal Services scooped him up and sent him to Story Book Farm Primate Sanctuary in Sunderland, Ont.

Nakhuda sued the sanctuary to get Darwin back, alleging she was tricked into surrendering the monkey. The case is not a custody battle — rather, Nakhuda is suing for recovery of property.

She has gone to court twice ito get Darwin back. At one hearing the sanctuary alleged she had abused the monkey, by "strangling" him and hitting him with a wooden spoon.

At the outset of the trial Thursday, Kevin Toyne, the lawyer for the sanctuary, said it was withdrawing those allegations in the interest of keeping the trial short. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Yasmin Nakhuda arrives at Durham Region Courthouse on Thursday. BERNARD WEIL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Trip to Mars comes with radiation risks

Long voyage. Readings by U.S. rover find astronauts would face a raised cancer risk if they went to the red planet

Astronauts travelling to and from Mars would be bombarded with as much cosmic radiation as they'd get from a full-body CT scan about once a week for a year, researchers reported Thursday.

That dose is enough to raise their cancer risk by about 3 per cent, but experts caution that there are many uncertainties about the space environment's effects on the body.

As plans for deep space exploration ramp up, radiation is a big concern — from high-energy galactic cosmic rays spewed by distant supernova explosions to sporadic bursts of charged particles hurled by the sun. Earth's magnetic field helps to deflect much of that harmful radiation.

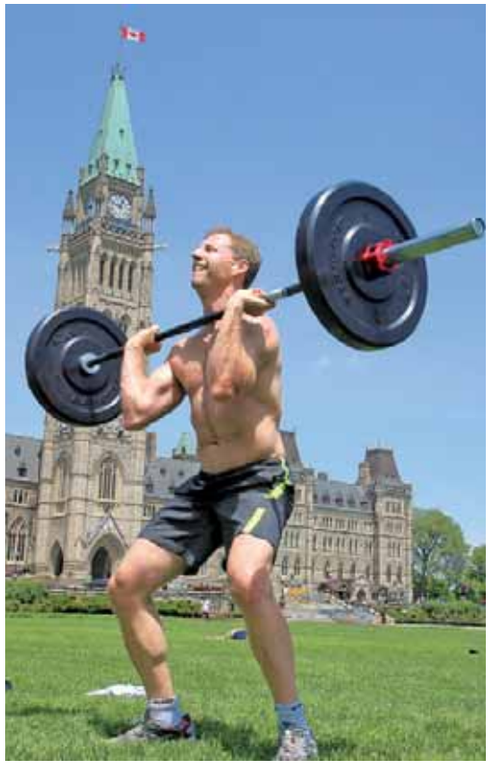
The U.S. space agency, NASA, aims to send a crew to orbit the red planet by the mid-2030s. Private outfits like Inspiration Mars — backed by NASA engineer-turned-space tourist Dennis Tito — are seeking volunteers for a Mars flight. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"You want to get there as quickly as possible (to reduce radiation exposure.)"

Don Hassler, scientist in charge of the radiation instrument aboard Curiosity

Astronauts travelling to and from Mars would be bombarded with cosmic radiation, researchers say. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ NASA/FILE



Power and politics

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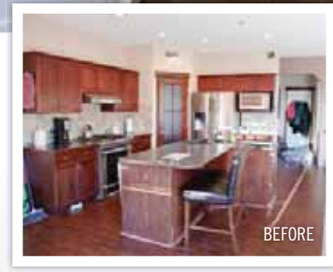

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El Salvador's government gave permission Thursday for doctors to perform a premature delivery for a seriously ill woman whose pregnancy attorneys say is putting her life at risk.

The case of the 22-year-old woman known only as Beatriz has drawn international attention as she sought to end the pregnancy in a country with some of the strictest abortion laws in Latin America.

The move by Health Minister Maria Isabel Rodriguez came a day after the Supreme Court ruled that Beatriz, who is six months pregnant, could not have an abortion even though she suffers from lupus and kidney failure. Ultrasound images indicate that her fetus is developing with only a brain stem and is given no chance of surviving.

Because the pregnancy is 26 weeks along, abortion laws are no longer at play, according to women's groups who have supported her petition. Rather, the health ministry can determine what's most medically sound for the mother versus the unborn baby. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nigeria

Gay-marriage ban sets long sentences

Nigeria's House of Representatives voted to ban gay marriage and outlaw groups supporting gay rights. It wasn't immediately clear if the president would sign the measure, but gays already face ridicule and possible prison sentences.

Under the proposed law, gay couples who marry could face up to 14 years in prison. Anyone who helps them marry could be sentenced to 10 years, as can those showing affection in public. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Taliban withdraw offer for peace talks

Pakistan. The drone killing of the group's deputy leader also puts attention on U.S. policy

The Pakistani Taliban withdrew their offer of peace talks Thursday following the death of the group's deputy leader in an American drone attack, a spokesman for the group said — a blow to the incoming government of Nawaz Sharif that was elected partly on promises to restore security after years of deadly attacks.

The death of Waliur Rehman, wanted by the U.S. for a 2009 attack in Afghanistan that killed seven CIA workers, also focuses attention on the controversial U.S. drone program. Despite President Barack Obama's sweeping promise last week of new transparency, Wednesday's strike against a longtime American target shows the CIA will still launch attacks on militants without having to explain them publicly.

The announcement by the Pakistani Taliban came amid conflicting reports about whether the Islamic militant movement had selected a replacement for Rehman, who was killed Wednesday in an attack that Pakistani officials said left at least four others dead.

Taliban spokesman Ahsanullah Ahsan told The Associated Press in a call from an undisclosed location that the militants withdrew an offer to join peace talks because they believe the Pakistani government approves of the U.S. drone strikes, despite official statements to the contrary.

"We had made the offer for peace talks with the government with good intention, but we think that these drone attacks are carried out with the approval of the government, so we announce the end of the talks process," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

In this 2011 photo, Taliban No. 2 commander Waliur Rehman talks to The Associated Press along the Afghanistan border in Pakistan. Pakistani intelligence says a U.S. drone has killed Rehman. ISHTIAQ MAHSUD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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Woolly Mammoth blood found in Russia

Prehistoric pachyderm. If the liquid blood still contains living cells, it's possible the mammoth could be cloned

A perfectly preserved woolly mammoth carcass with liquid blood has been found on a remote Arctic island, fuelling hopes of cloning the Ice Age animal, Russian scientists said Thursday.

The carcass was in such good shape because its lower part was stuck in pure ice, said Semyon Grigoryev, the head of the Mammoth Museum, who led the expedition into the Lyakhovsky Islands off the Siberian coast.

The dark blood was found in ice cavities bellow the creature's belly. The carcass' muscle tissue was also in perfect condition.

"The fragments of muscle tissues, which we've found out of the body, have a natural red colour of fresh meat," Grigoryev said.

Wooly mammoths are thought to have died out 10,000 years ago, although scientists think small groups of them lived longer in Alaska and on islands off Siberia.

Scientists have deciphered much of the woolly mammoth's genetic code from their hair, and some believe it's possible to clone them.

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Once hunted by humans

Up to 13 feet in height and 10 tons in weight, mammoths roamed across huge areas between Great Britain and North America and were driven to extinction by humans and the changing climate.

- The researchers collected samples of the animal's blood in tubes with a special preservative. They were sent for bacterial examination.

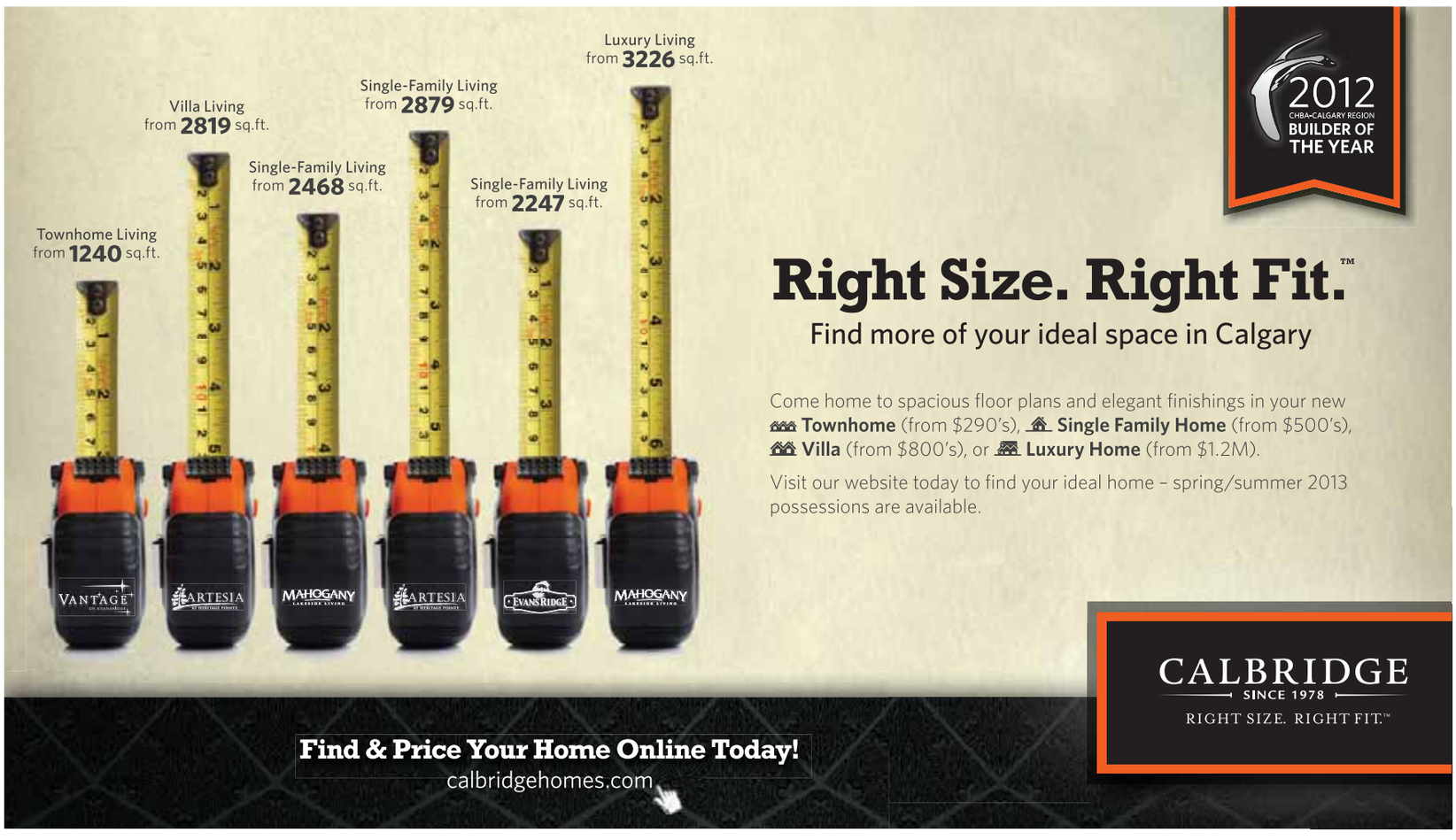
Mammoth carcass in snow on the Arctic's Lyakhovsky Island, Russia. ROSSIYA TELEVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Major find

"The blood is very dark, it was found in ice cavities bellow the belly and when we broke these cavities with a poll pick, the blood came running out."

Semyon Grigoryev, the head of the Mammoth Museum, led the expedition to the Lyakhovsky Islands off the Siberian coast. He made the comment about the blood in a statement released by the North-Eastern Federal University in Yakutsk, which sent the team.

Image of a woolly mammoth emerging from an ice block. HANDOUT/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Baird urges political solution to Syria violence

Reports of a Russian arms shipment to the Syrian regime and the rejection of peace talks by opposition groups raised fears Thursday that international efforts to bring an end to the civil war in Syria are at risk.

A political solution is the only way to end the violence, Foreign Affairs Minister John Baird and his German counterpart stressed Thursday after bilateral talks in Ottawa.

Both men expressed concern over reports that Syrian President Bashar Assad received Russian anti-aircraft missiles.

"Syria has received the first shipment of Russian anti-aircraft S-300 rockets," Assad was quoted as saying, adding: "All our agreements with Russia will be implemented and parts of them have already been implemented."

Baird called the reports regrettable, if true, while German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle characterized the development as unappreciated.

The U.S. and Russia were to meet this week in Geneva to hash out a plan to get both sides together for peace talks, but the Syrian National Coalition, a major opposition group, suggested that for now there's no place for talks.

"The talk about the international conference and a political solution to the situation in Syria has no meaning in light of the massacres that are taking place," a spokesman for the Syrian National Coalition, Khalid Saleh, told reporters in Istanbul. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Arms race

The concern with the influx of weapons isn't just about them making it into the wrong hands, but also the start of an arms race between opposition groups and the Assad government.

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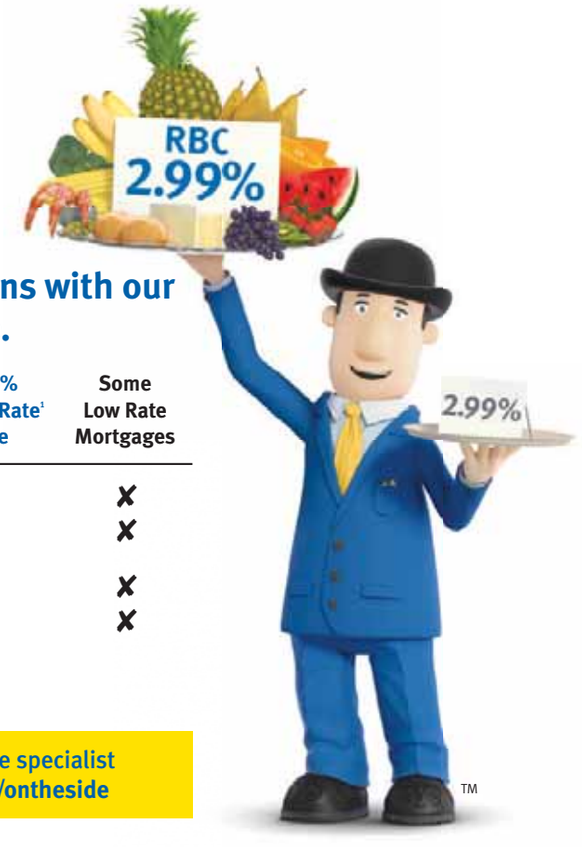

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Harper mum on dealing with scandal

Ottawa. PM has failed to address questions about how he directed staff to deal with expense issue last fall

Prime Minister Stephen Harper
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Prime Minister Stephen Harper is steadfastly refusing to acknowledge any question about his leadership during the months last winter when an expense scandal involving three of his Conservative Senate appointees was in the public eye.

Harper has spent the past three days insisting that he first learned that his chief of staff had helped pay off Sen. Mike Duffy's $90,000 in improper expense claims only after the public was told by CTV in mid-May.

But he has failed to address questions about how he instructed his staff to handle the expense revelations after they first aired late last fall.

Neither Harper nor his NDP and Liberal counterparts were in question period Thursday, so it fell to Heritage Minister James Moore to bear the brunt of the opposition onslaught.

"Duffy keeps the $90,000 while the Receiver General gets $90,000 from an illicit deal that was so wrong it cost Mr. Wright his job," said Liberal MP Ralph Goodale.

"Will the government repudiate the dirty money and instead garnishee Duffy's wages and seize his assets so he pays for his wrongdoing, not some dealmaker in the PMO?"

Harper faced more than 40 direct questions on the affair in the House of Commons this week but has not provided any information on who in his office was asked to handle the scandal, what instructions they were given, or why his chief of staff took it upon himself to give $90,000 to a senator accused of improper housing expense claims.

Duffy stopped co-operating with an independent audit of his expenses once the $90,000 was paid back. Conservatives in the Senate cited that repayment in declaring the matter closed shortly after receiving the audit.

Duffy and Sen. Pamela Wallin are no longer part of the Conservative caucus, along with Sen. Patrick Brazeau, another Harper appointee accused of improper expense claims.

Sen. Mac Harb has left the Liberal caucus while fighting what he says are unfair accusations that he too abused his Senate housing allowance. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Biological information

Supreme Court won't hear woman's appeal to ID sperm donor

The Supreme Court of Canada will not hear an appeal from a woman who wanted to know the identity of her sperm-donor father.

Olivia Pratten sought to take her case to the high court after the British Columbia Court of Appeal threw out an earlier decision that sided with her.

She argued that offspring like herself should have access to information about their biological past, as is the case with people who are adopted.

The appeal court said she has no constitutional right to information about her biological father.

The court said providing such information would amount to state intrusion into the lives of many people.

As usual in such decisions, the Supreme Court gave no reasons for refusing to hear the appeal. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Billions stolen in run-up to Winter Games: Kremlin critic

Sochi. Russian auditors have repeatedly voiced concerns about skyrocketing overruns and have recommended prosecutors look into some of them

Russian officials and businessmen have stolen billions of dollars during the years of preparations for the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi, a prominent Russian opposition figure claimed Thursday.

Boris Nemtsov, a former Russian deputy prime minister-turned-Kremlin critic, and an associate said in a report released Thursday that up to $30 billion US was stolen in the run-up to the games in the southern Russian city. The Sochi Olympics will run from Feb. 7 to 23.

Russia had originally announced in 2007 that the 2014 games would cost about $12 billion US. Within six years, that estimate went up to $51 billion, making Sochi the most expensive Olympics in history, winter or summer. In contrast, the 2012 London Summer Olympics cost $14.3 billion.

Nemtsov arrived at the figure of $30 billion by comparing the initial cost estimate of the games with the final $51-billion price tag and with typical cost overruns at previous Olympics. He also compared the per-seat cost of Sochi's Olympic stadium with stadiums at previous games.

Nemtsov said the difference between the initial and final costs of Olympic games in the past 14 years was two-fold on average — in contrast to four-fold in Sochi's case.

Alexander Zhukov, president of the Russian Olympic Committee, defended some of the cost overruns, explaining they had to build additional infrastructure at some of the venues.

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Graft

Russia is notorious for extensive corruption in many fields, especially in construction, and the number of new venues needed to host the games in Sochi could have offered ample opportunities for graft.

- Preparations for the games included building an Olympic stadium, three Olympic villages, a ski jump, hockey arenas, Alpine facilities, an Olympic cross-country venue and also major upgrades to roads, bridges, hotels, trains, port, airport and its underlying power grid.

Sochi 2014 medals unveiled

The Sochi 2014 gold, silver and bronze Paralympic medals are displayed for journalists at the SportAccord International Convention in St. Petersburg, Russia, Thursday. Organizers presented the medals featuring a "patchwork quilt" design representing the different regions of Russia, which will be hosting its first Winter Games next February in the Black Sea resort. A record 1,300 medals are being manufactured for the Olympics and Paralympics. DMITRY LOVETSKY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Ont. Tories say Ford is not their man

Toronto city councillor Doug Ford had been touted as a high-profile candidate for Ontario's PC party. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

High profile. This past weekend, embattled Toronto mayor's older brother Doug faced drug allegations of his own

Ontario's Progressive Conservative House Leader Jim Wilson is distancing the party from Doug Ford, the brother of Toronto Mayor Rob Ford, who had been heralded as a potential high profile candidate.

"He is not our candidate," Wilson told a news conference he called Thursday to condemn the New Democrats for propping up Ontario's "corrupt" minority Liberal government by supporting the Grits' budget.

Ford, a city councillor, was described in a Globe and Mail story last weekend as being a hashish dealer in Etobicoke some 30 years ago. Doug Ford has strongly denied the allegation.

"I don't even know the guy . . . personally I've never even met him," Wilson told reporters who pressed him on whether Ford could still run for the Tories in the next election.

Wilson was an MPP in the former Mike Harris PC government along with the Fords' late father, Doug Ford Sr., who he described as a "decent chap."

The mayor is under a cloud over a video — viewed by two Toronto Star reporters and an editor at the U.S. website Gawker — that appears to show him smoking crack cocaine. Rob Ford has dismissed the stories as "false' and said: "I do not use crack cocaine nor am I an addict of crack cocaine."

According to several party insiders, the accusations swirling around the Fords are having an impact on the Progressive Conservatives. The Tories have often praised the Fords for their vigilance in controlling municipal spending and fighting tax hikes. But the recent controversy appears to be taking a toll.

Doug Ford said last month he would run for the Progressive Conservatives if there was a spring election, which has been delayed because of a budget deal between Premier Kathleen Wynne and NDP Leader Andrea Horwath.

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With Toronto's Mayor Rob Ford making headlines across the globe, we take a look at some of the scandals (or lack thereof) facing mayors in Metro cities across Canada. See how your city compares.

METRO CANADA

Edmonton

After serving nearly three terms, Mayor Stephen Mandel has remained relatively squeaky clean in terms of scandalous behaviour. He has, however, received criticism as the primary driver behind the new downtown Edmonton arena deal, a $600-million, primarily publicly funded deal that critics argue benefits a billionaire owner.

Vancouver

In the fall of 2008, then mayoral candidate Gregor Robertson took some heat when it was discovered that he had a $173 unpaid fine for travelling two zones on SkyTrain on a one-zone fare. Robertson had planned to challenge the fine, but ended up paying it ahead of the civic election – which he won handily.

Winnipeg

Mayor Sam Katz came under fire earlier this year after a local businessman sued him for conflict of interest when he hosted a city staff Christmas party at his restaurant. Last week, he came under fire for spitting out his gum onto a lawn.

Toronto

The latest in a string of Mayor Rob Ford scandals started with the Toronto Star and Gawker reporting that there is a video appearing to show Mayor Rob Ford smoking crack and muttering "I'm f---ing right-wing;" calling Justin Trudeau a "fag;" and calling the high school football players he coached "just f---ing minorities."

Halifax

Unlike his predecessor, the current mayor of Halifax is so far scandal-free. The only whiff of controversy came just after Mike Savage was sworn in, when he revealed he used his campaign funds to pay himself a $10,000 monthly stipend for the three months after he quit his regular marketing job to run for office. It didn't contravene any campaign financing laws.

Regina

Regina Mayor Michael Fougere is squeaky clean, having been in office for about seven months.

Saskatoon

When first elected as mayor in 2003, Saskatoon's Don Atchison caused a stir when he insisted that people – from residents to media to office staff — had to dress in semi-formal (as in, a tie) attire to meet with him in his office.

Ottawa

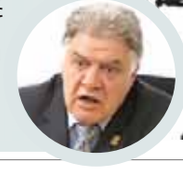
Mayor Jim Watson, a self-described "boring" mayor, has been criticized for engaging in semi-frequent "Twitter fights" with outspoken constituents.

Calgary

In 2011, popular Calgary mayor Naheed Nenshi accepted a flight to Toronto paid for by a private company to speak at a symposium. No conflict of interest was found. This year, many raised eyebrows at a $400-per-ticket, closed-to-public event Nenshi held to launch his upcoming civic campaign.

London

Mayor Joe Fontana was charged in November with fraud under $5,000, breach of trust by a public officer and uttering forged documents after an RCMP investigation. He is accused of using a $1,700 federal government cheque to cover a room deposit for his son's 2005 wedding reception. Fontana denies the allegations, which have not been proven in court.



Montreal

Montreal is currently governed by interim mayor Michael Applebaum, pictured, who took power after Gérald Tremblay resigned in November amid the Quebec corruption inquiry. There was testimony that Tremblay was aware of his party's alleged illegal financing and price-fixing in the construction industry, but did nothing to stop it. Tremblay denies he was aware of wrongdoing.

Super Size Me. CEO dines at McDonald's 'every single day'

They might start calling it the McDiet. McDonald Corp.'s CEO Don Thompson revealed at an analyst conference this week that he shed about 20 pounds in the past year by getting his "butt up" and "working out again." But he said he hasn't changed his habit of eating at McDonald's "every, single day."

Thompson, who has been on the job for less than a year, was responding to a question about how the world's biggest hamburger chain is adapting amid growing concerns about obesity.

Thompson said he lost the weight by getting active again. He noted that Europeans walk a lot and it's rare to see Europeans who are "very, very heavy."

"And so I think that balance is really important to people," he said. Thompson did not provide any other details about his weight or diet. A representative for McDonald's did not immediately respond to a request for more details.

McDonald's CEO Don Thompson, shown in 2010, says he's lost 20 pounds in the last year by working out — but he still eats at the Golden Arches daily. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

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Who's in the money? Canada's bank CEOs

Executive pay. A list of the highest-paid bankers on the continent includes heads of 6 Canuck banks

Canadian bankers were among some of the highest-paid banking executives in North America last year, with three in the Top 10, according to a new list compiled by Bloomberg Markets magazine.

In all, six Canadian bank CEOs were in the Top 20, led by the Royal Bank of Canada's Gordon Nixon, who came in at No. 4. Nixon's total pay package was $12.6 million US in 2012 according to the listings, up 25 per cent from the year before, when he was in eighth place.

Bank of Nova Scotia's Richard Waugh was bumped down one spot to seventh place, with $11.1 million US, followed by TD Bank's Ed Clark, who was No. 8 on the list with $10.8 million US.

Clark's pay actually went down by almost five per cent from the year before, when he was at No. 5, as did that of three other Canadian bank CEOs on the list.

Gerald McCaughey, CEO of the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, took home $9.3 million US, nearly eight per cent less than the year before. That was still good for 11th place, but down from ninth in 2011.

The Bank of Montreal's William Downe — No. 12 — took in $9.2 million US, seven per cent less than in 2011, when he ranked No. 10 on the list.

National Bank of Canada chief Louis Vachon rounded up the Canadian bankers on the list at No. 17 with $7.2 million US. That was 1.4 per cent less than he made in 2011, when he held the 14th spot.

The rankings are being published in the magazine's July 2013 issue.

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Most overpaid

- The Bloomberg Markets magazine rankings also put RBC's Gordon Nixon, Bank of Nova Scotia's Richard Waugh and TD Bank's Ed Clark among some of the most overpaid CEOs when comparing compensation to a bank's average assets, stock performance and return on equity.

This man has 12.6 million reasons a year to smile: Gordon Nixon, CEO of the Royal Bank of Canada, came in at No. 4 on Bloomberg Markets magazine's list of the highest-paid bankers in North America. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

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It's that time again, when we arm you with the week's top stories and send you out, bristling with informed confidence, to the water cooler.

1 **Rob Ford? Wasn't he the mayor of Toronto?** He still is, maggot. But for how long? The rats are fleeing for the emergency exits — five personal staffers have bailed and the week's not over. Who's next? His barber? Meanwhile, the mayor keeps doing his bizarre tribute to the Black Knight from Monty Python and the Holy Grail, denying there's a video out there featuring him getting Ford-faced on crack. It's just a flesh wound!

2 **Moses' got nothing on this kid:** Alone and afraid, a woman in China gave birth to a baby boy on the toilet. Apparently, baby slipped down the drain and the new mom called the Chinese equivalent of 911. Miraculously the infant was rescued from the sewer pipe. From where he's starting, everything going forward is good news.

3 **We're No. 3!** The OECD (don't bother looking it up) has determined that Canada is the third-happiest nation on earth. No. 2 is Sweden, which is always in our face, and No. 1 is Australia. Throw another shrimp on the barbie! Criteria include work-life balance, income, housing, and something called the Mick Jagger Factor, or "satisfaction" for short. Canada gets the happiness bronze medal instead of the gold; after all, Rob Ford is still the mayor of Toronto. Just wait until next year, maggot.

4 **The rich get richer: 0** Sure it's a cliché, but boy it's true. According to the World Bank, the world's richest eight per cent snag 50 per cent of the world's income. Here's one reason the Democratic Republic of the Congo did not place in the top 15 of the world's happiest nations: its per capita annual income is $231. Compare that to Monaco, where it's $171,465. If I were trying to make ends meet in the Congo, this news would not make me happy.

5 **Attack of the Killer Beaver:** Here in the world's third-happiest country, the beaver is a symbol of cheerful industry and diligence, not to mention the nation's founding fur. In Belarus, the beaver is just another nasty rodent. Some guy tried to have his picture taken with one, which bit him, severing an artery in his leg. The poor guy bled out. Now Belarus is trying to figure out what to do about an increasing population of increasingly aggressive beavers. There are 80,000 beavers in Belarus. Who knew?

6 **Speaking of Biebers:** Another iconic Canadian rodent was in the news this week, this time for racing around the 'hood in his hot car, scaring the neighbours and fuelling the paparazzi. Call in the Bieber-control officers. This kid is out of control.

ZOOM

Monk's best friend

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The Tiger Temple: Where monastery meets sanctuary

Under the cool shade of a tree, a Buddhist monk affectionately embraces a tiger. Elsewhere at the Tiger Temple in Kanchanaburi, Thailand, a young tiger was spotted happily playing around in a pool of water with a fascinating new toy. There are some 100 tigers at the temple that live alongside monks. Founded in 1994, the animal reserve is based at a Buddhist temple. The first cub arrived in 1999 after her mother was killed by poachers nearby. **METRO**

Critics: An illegal breeding facility

The attraction is a controversial one, as animal-rights groups claim it's an illegal breeding facility and that the tigers are not cared for properly. However, a three-day investigation by ABC News did not find any evidence of poor conditions. **METRO**

Quoted

"If you think they rescue abused tigers, or that the tigers will be released into the wild, they won't be."

Philip Mansbridge, CEO of animal welfare charity Care for the Wild

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Are you fed up with how useful and informative your Twitter feed is? You can easily take a few steps toward correcting that by following these accounts for a rich vein of occasionally bizarre, but always witty, wordplay.

@dogsdoingthings: I'm tempted to say the name says it all, but it barely scratches the surface of this account's vision of dogs engaged in impossibly high-concept activities, usually with a disdainful eye cast upon their alleged best friend (that would be us.)

@twortmanteaus: A portmanteau is the sometimes awkward collision of two words to make a new one. Think "brunch." For other examples, follow this character who spends the day RTing miscellaneous musings from tweeters, creating new words from their tossed off thoughts.

@dataisplural: Puns tend to be a love or hate thing. If you hate them, you're wrong. If you love them, congratulations on your excellent taste and don't waste another second before following this champion of groan-inducement.

Comments

RE: More Staff Leave Mayor Rob Ford's office, published May 30

Re staff leaving...this doesn't make sense; when considering that fish rot from the head. So doesn't the solution goes without saying? **Lloyd A, posted to metronews.ca**

The only one that should be thrown out of city hall is Rob Ford!!! ASAP!!! The man is a disgrace to the city of Toronto. **punxie89, posted to metronews.ca**

Wait, so he actually admitted to there being a video, and even knowing where it was? If that's true, it's no wonder his staff members are fleeing. **Alison, posted to metronews.ca**

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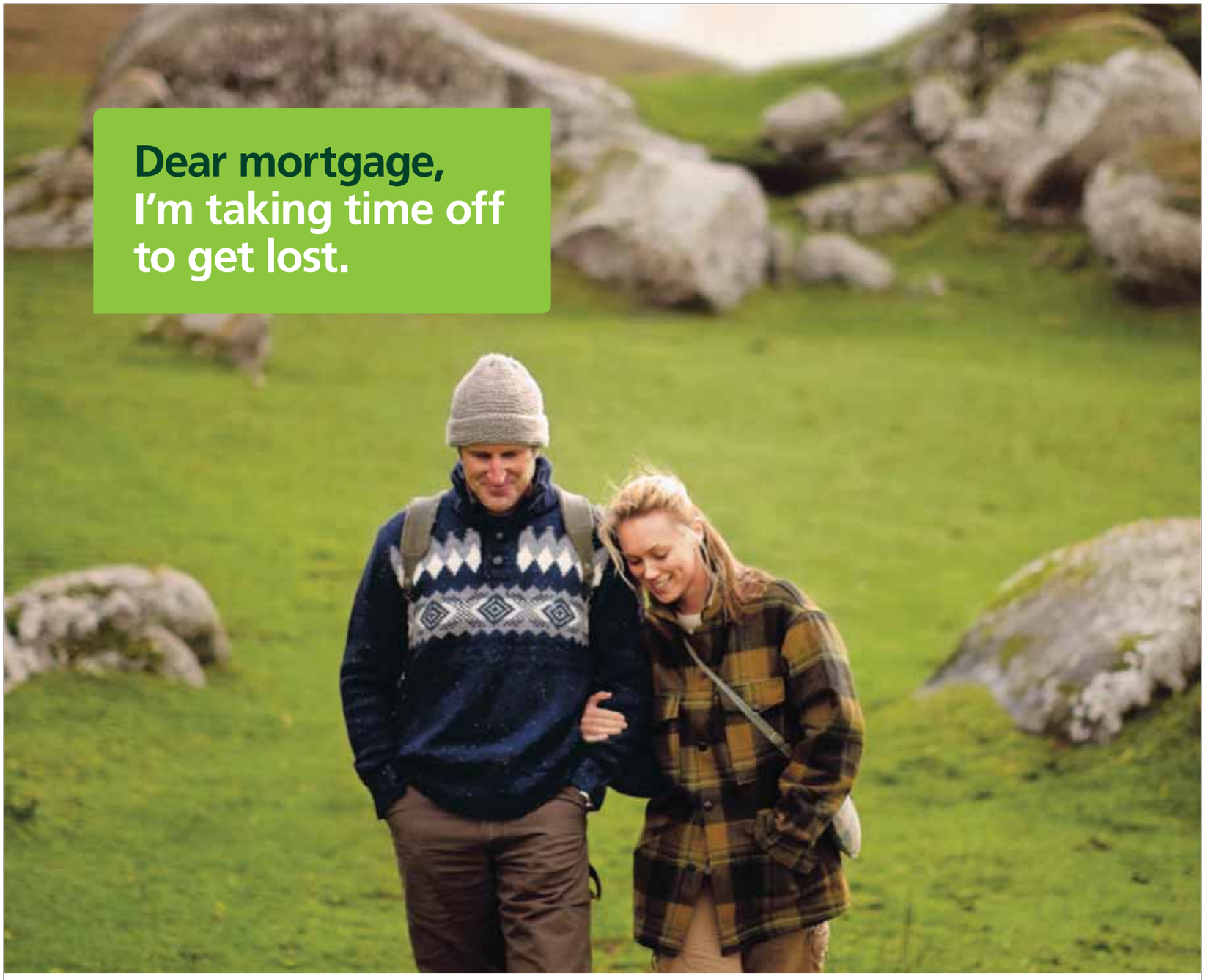

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Synopsis

In Will Smith's new sci-fi movie After Earth he stars as Cypher Raige, a general in the intergalactic peacekeeping organization Ranger Corps. After he is injured in a crash landing on Earth, a planet uninhabited for 1,000 years, his son (Jaden Smith) must navigate the unfamiliar landscape and battle new life forms to signal for help. This week the Reel Guys have a look at the highlights of Will Smith's career and how he left his throne as the prince of Bel-Air to become one of the world's biggest movie stars.

Will Jaden Smith follow in his famous father's footsteps? HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Why we love Will

After Earth. As Smith and son's new film opens this weekend, the Reel Guys reflect on the actor's journey from Fresh Prince to king of Hollywood

Richard: Mark, The Fresh Prince Of Bel Air proved that Will Smith has a flair for broad comedy, so it's surprising that over the years he's played so few funny roles. He's always charming and his films usually have the odd laugh, but rarely has he played it strictly for laughs. In 1993 the safe move for Smith would have been to make a comedy, instead he chose to play a con-man in the serious, talky Six Degrees of Separation. It's a heavyweight role, and he's really good in it. What's your favourite Will Smith role?

Mark: Will Smith must be the most likeable Hollywood star this side of Tom Hanks. I wish I could say I like all his movies, but I can't. I really like his more serious roles. My favourite? The Pursuit of Happyness. His character, based on a true story, is a man caught in desperate financial circumstances, who raises a young boy while homeless. The movie is ultimately uplifting as he becomes a successful stockbroker, but it's a harrowing journey, and Smith plays it to perfection.

RC: In 2008 he played two creatures that don't exist in real life, an alien with an anger management problem and an IRS tax collector with a conscience. Hancock has a dash of Men in Black's wonky humour, a glimpse of his action hero of Independence Day, and a taste of Enemy of the State's troubled paranoiac. Best of all there is absolutely nothing in there that echoes Wild Wild West. In Seven Pounds he's a taxman crushed by the weight of his emotions, a walking zombie who has given up on life. And he's terrific in both movies.

MB: Hancock didn't quite work for me, but Enemy of the State sure did. But I'm such a troubled paranoiac myself I might have liked anybody in the role. Smith is great in Seven Pounds, a weird picture by any standards. But if it's Will Smith as hero you're looking for, he's commanding in all 157 minutes of Ali. And he's suave and debonair in Hitch.

RC: We can't forget Men in Black. The sequels have been (profitable) disappointments, but Smith's Agent J is always fun.

MB: Now that I think of it, if Will Smith is in a movie I don't like, it's the movie I don't like, not Smith. And that includes — shudder — The Legend of Bagger Vance.

Drama

Kon Tiki

Directors. Joachim Roenning, Espen Sandberg

Stars. Pal Sverre Hagen, Tobias Santelmann

Kon Tiki is a movie to be seen on the big-screen. Beautifully-shot, this epic drama (and Norway's most successful film in 2012) is an inspirational, absorbing survival tale about an explorer's trek across the ocean on a balsa wood raft. An Oscar-nominee for best Foreign Language Film (even though it's primarily in English), the film may amplify the true-life adventure for filmgoers but as far as cinema goes, Kon Tiki is a ship worth sailing. **STEVE GOW**

Drama

Now You See Me

Director. Louis Leterrier

Stars. Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo, Woody Harrelson

There's nothing quite like a good heist movie, and if you can throw in a bit of sleight-of-hand, all the better. As a film, Now You See Me seems to know it's not supposed to be much more than a good time, and there's nothing wrong with that. Whoever pulled this ensemble together is the real star here. The Four Horsemen (Jesse Eisenberg, Woody Harrelson, Isla Fisher and Dave Franco) take what could've been bad CW drama-level characters and make them imminently watchable.
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Sci-fi/Action

After Earth

Directors. M. Night Shyamalan

Stars. Jaden Smith, Will Smith

After his last few attempts (including 2010's The Last Airbender), expectations for M. Night Shyamalan's films couldn't be lower and After Earth likely won't help matters. A vehicle to re-team Will Smith and his son Jaden, this futuristic thriller crashes the pair on a deserted Earth where they must survive ferociously evolved creatures and seek rescue. While Shyamalan fills the film with plenty of eye-catching effects, wooden dialogue and a shortage on soul keeps its audience at arm's length. **STEVE GOW**

To prep for The East, Ellen Page moved west

Eco-activism. Actress spent time on a settlement that practised 'freeganism' to learn more about her eco footprint

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Ellen Page stars opposite Alexander Skarsgård in The East. HANDOUT

At age 20 Ellen Page became a star playing Juno in the film of the same name. She was nominated for an Academy Award and would go on to make movies like Whip It and Inception, but first she took some time off.

"I studied permaculture, design and eco village development at a place called Lost Valley in Oregon with a lot of people who had the same philosophy — strictly freegan," she says.

Freeganism, or the practice of salvaging discarded food, was just one of the things that fascinated Page during her month-long stay at the settlement. The experience taught her to live more simply and to really think about her relationship with the planet. Her time there also prepared her for The East, a new eco-thriller co-starring Alexander Skarsgård and Britt Marling.

"On top of it being an incredibly beautifully written piece of work, there were so many ideas that I was very excited about and thinking about," she says.

In the film she plays Izzy, a member of a shadowy group of eco-activists called The East — think a more hands-on version of real-life group Anonymous — who live by an anarchist eco code.

"We were able to talk about the experience I had and relate what that does to you as a person when you've been raised with this narrative given to us by the system that exists.

"Then you go experience something that completely flips everything on its head," she says.

"That is a wild ride to go on. Then to walk back out into the world and society, you see things differently."

Takei talks passing the Sulu torch to John Cho

Star Trek. Iconic actor recalls soothing Cho's fears about boarding the USS Enterprise

Portraying USS Enterprise helmsman Hikaru Sulu in the latest Star Trek movie comes with big shoes to fill, but the man who played the part in the TV series and six films has given his blessing to the actor currently playing the role.

Even though George Takei — whose portrayal of Sulu made him a science fiction legend — said he had not yet had time to catch recently released Star Trek Into Darkness due to his busy schedule, he feels John Cho is the "ideal choice" to carry on Sulu's legacy due to the actor's "charm, intelligence, dash and sharpness."

Beware the Trekkies

"He was very curious about the intensity of Star Trek fans"

George Takei on meeting John Cho

"When (director) J.J. Abrams first announced he had cast Hikaru Sulu, I got a call from John (Cho) asking to have lunch with me," Takei said Friday in Singapore, where he attended the inaugural Social Star Awards. "He was very curious about the intensity of Star Trek fans and doing comic conventions, but he was more concerned about how the fans would accept him because they have identified the character of Sulu with me for so long and he was worried about how he would be received."

"So I told him that it wouldn't be too long before I'll be known as the guy who played John Cho's part, and he was comforted by that," Takei said with a laugh.

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John Cho. HANDOUT

Wooing Julianne Moore

"While Julianne Moore is a married woman with two kids, she's just a human being. It's not like I can't connect to her in any kind of way. So it was never awkward because of that.

"It was just treated with the same kind sensitivity and casuality as any other kind of thing."

Actor **Michael Angarano** about his new romantic comedy The English Teacher. The 25-year-old takes on the role of a university graduate who woos his former high school teacher (Julianne Moore) as they attempt to mount his play.

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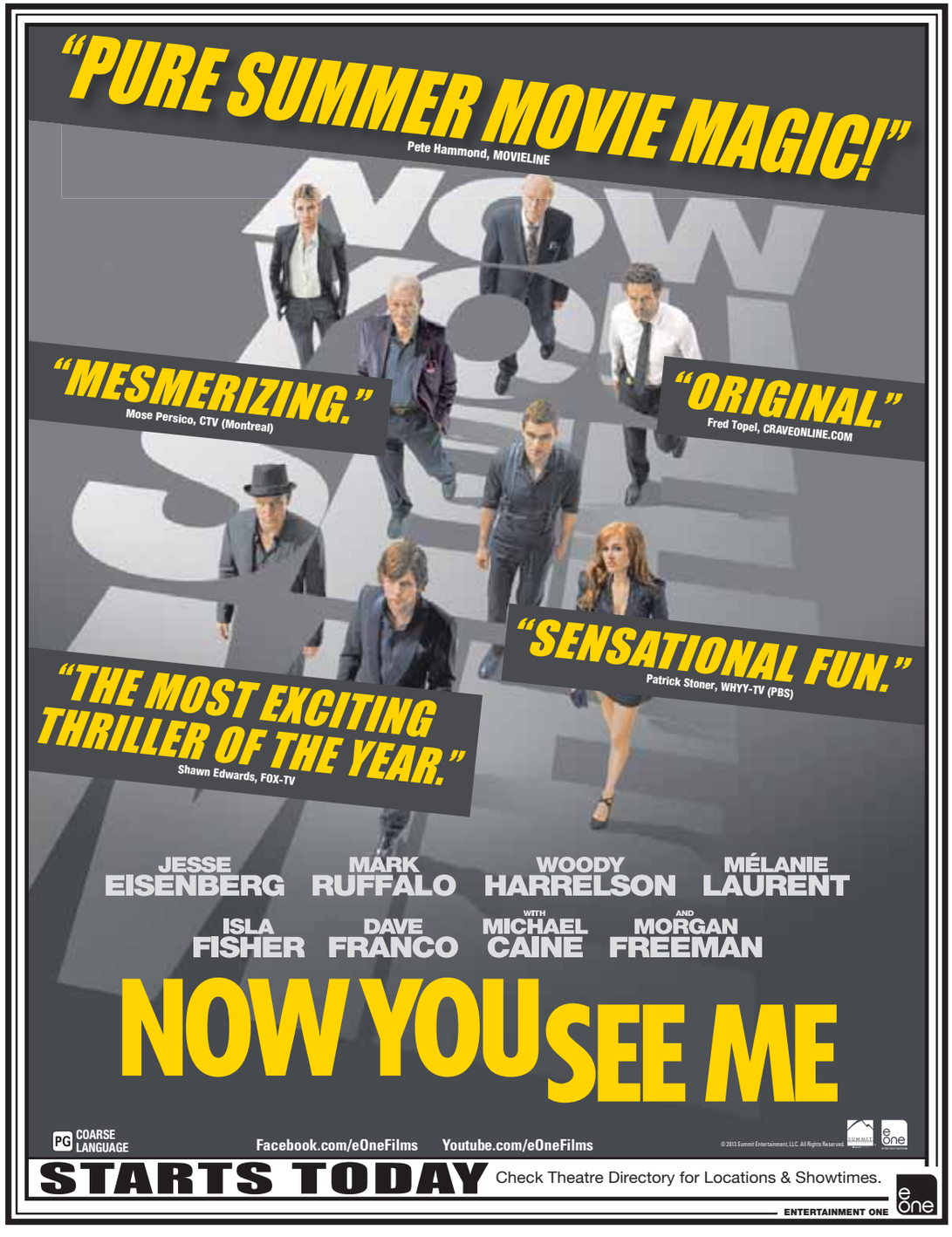

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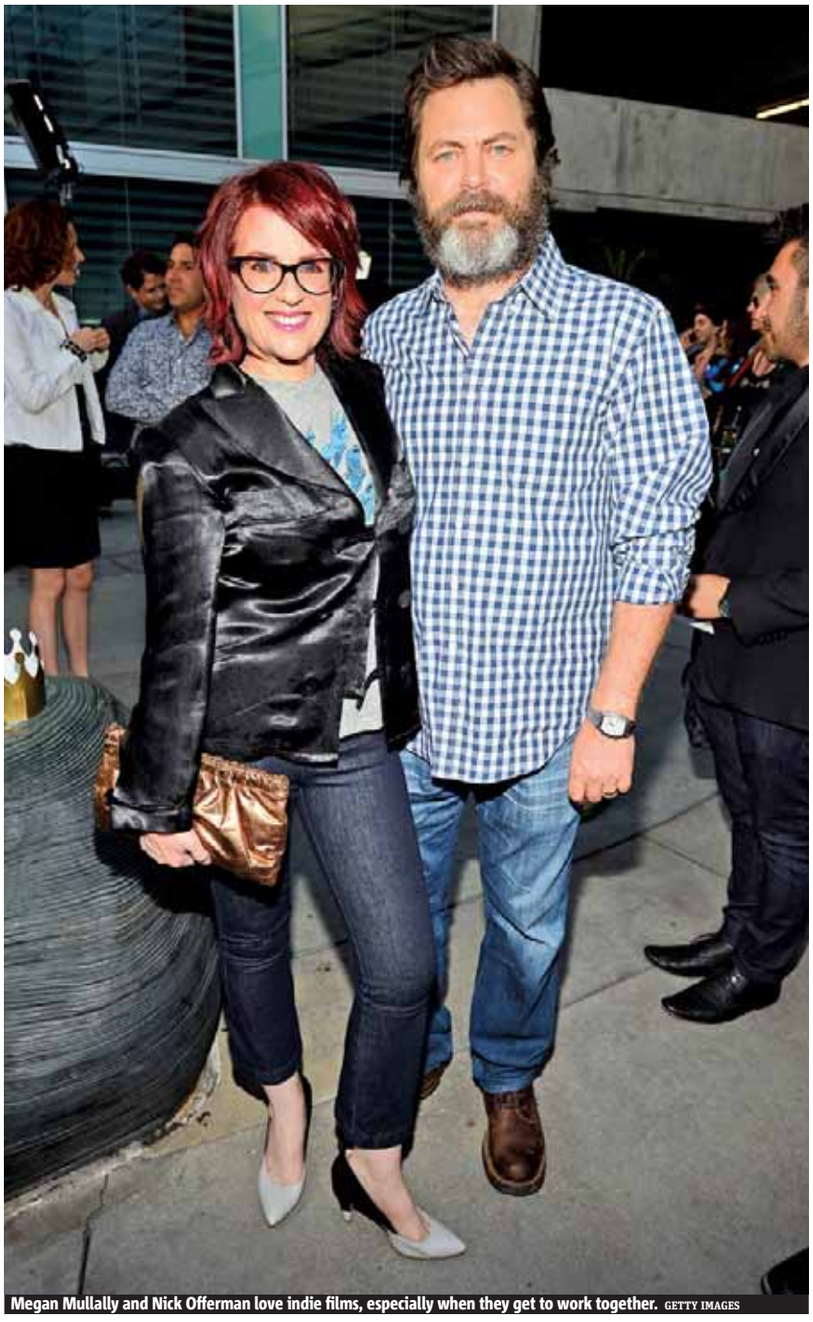

Megan Mullally and Nick Offerman love indie films, especially when they get to work together. GETTY IMAGES

They're one very funny duo

Perfect package. Megan Mullally and Nick Offerman love working together — it means less time apart

MATTHEW PRIGGE
Metro World News in New York

The dominant power couple in the world shifts at the whim of a fickle populace. Right now, for some, the greatest — or just most wonderful — duo is Nick Offerman and Megan Mullally. Married since 2003, the two have seen a shift in their careers: Once Mullally was the one with the hit show (Will and Grace). Now it's him, as burly libertarian carnivore Ron Swanson on Parks and Recreation — although Mullally has guest appearances as his ex-wife, Tammy. In fact, they tend to work together on the same projects; that way, they don't have to spend any time apart. In The Kings of Summer, Offerman plays the widowed father of a teenager who runs away from home to live in the woods with his bros. Mullally plays the mother of one of his friends, which affords them only a few scenes together.

You've both been doing a lot of smaller films, often together. What's the appeal of these projects?

Mullally: I think we both love doing indie movies. It's kind of the equivalent of the 99-seat play. You have the feeling that you have more creative leeway and you can make it be the way you want it to be. When everyone is on a level playing field and nobody is getting paid, I think everyone pitches in equally and has the same kind of desire to create something good.

Offerman: We choose material, first and foremost, based on scripts that we think are very good. Scripts that don't go through the corporate regime are going to end up better because they'll retain somebody with a beautiful artistic vision and/or a great sense of humour. That will come through in an independent script much more so than a studio project. Those can't help but be homogenized by the standards and practices, the Coca-Cola people.

How did you get involved in Kings of Summer?

Offerman: They were looking for sort of a gruff guy who could also tell a joke and Russell Crowe wasn't available. Chris Colletta's script was poignant, beautiful and heartfelt, but also had a terrific sense of humour. It often happens with Megan and I: One of us gets a job on something and the producers will say, "Can we get your spouse interested in this?" If one of us loves the script, the other is happy to jump on board, too. It also affords us the opportunity instead of spending two weeks apart while out in Cleve- land, we're there together and having fun working on it together. There are a lot of perks to it.

Offerman on Kings

The going technique is to go with a really great script and get a really great cast. You have to shoot your scenes as written because you need all the story points. Chris Colletta's script was wonderful and there was no need to embellish it. You happen to have some of the greatest improvisers in the nation of America. You take the script and shoot the scenes and then you say "Let's f— around," and you end up with a handful of gold nuggets that you'd be crazy not to use.

Quality over quantity

"We choose material, first and foremost, based on scripts that we think are very good."
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Little green men go under the microscope

Aliens: The Definitive Guide. New show asks the finest scientific minds what they believe about E.T.s and U.F.Os

Would E.T. be as cuddly and warm in real life or the opposite? AP/UNIVERSAL PICTURES

Maybe those science-fiction scenarios about killer robots from space invading the Earth aren't so far-fetched after all.

Aliens bearing little resemblance to Steven Spielberg's cuddly E.T. might actually eye Earth for its potential slaves and to plunder its natural resources, say scientists interviewed in Aliens: The Definitive Guide, a new documentary being broadcast Sunday on Discovery Canada.

In short, they might be a lot like humans were when they explored new lands. But don't go running for the shelters just yet. Even if aliens are headed for us now, space travel can take thousands of years using currently known technology, which probably rules out the possibility of any malevolent E.T.s touching down during our lifetime, anyway.

Producer Alan Handel says aliens are a "never-ending preoccupation" for people, so making the documentary was a no-brainer. He says surveys indicate that many Canadians believe extra-terrestrials exist and may already have dropped in. "I just think it's a really neat concept to say, 'OK, let's take it seriously and go to some of the best scientific minds in the world and ask their opinion.'"

However, Aliens: The Definitive Guide isn't a tale of extra-terrestrial terror and instead entertainingly poses an exhaustive list of questions about who may be beyond the stars.

What planets might have life? How might its inhabitants get here? What would they look like? And what are their possible intentions?

These are some of the queries pondered in the two-hour film by Montreal's Handel Productions and U.K.-based Arrow Media. A theoretical physicist at City University of New York scoffs at anyone who tries to suggest we're the only life forms in the universe.

"Gimme a break," Michio Kaku (American theoretical physicist) says in the documentary. "I mean, how many stars are out there in the universe anyway? The Hubble Space Telescope can see about a 100 billion galaxies — that's the visible universe," he says. "Each galaxy consists of 100 billion stars. Do the math."

All the scientists agreed that any alien who touched down on Earth would be pretty advanced scientifically. It's not the first time Handel has tackled a subject that would be considered more in the realm of sensational supermarket tabloids. Their last definitive guide documentary was on Bigfoot and the next one in the works looks at time travel.

Handel describes himself as a "professional skeptic" when it comes to extra-terrestrial life and UFOs. He says he was surprised by the number of planets that might support life in some form and the extent of the likelihood that alien life could visit Earth. "It was really surprising to me. I had no idea. I think it's a program that's full of surprises and revelations."

He noted that science fiction can often cross the line into science fact, and pointed to one of his other previous films, How William Shatner Changed The World. That documentary discussed how some technology in the old Star Trek TV shows and movies had actually become real. "It's interesting to do a kind of reality check on science fiction and see how far away we are from that vision being real, or real down the road."

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Chances are...

"The Hubble space telescope can see about 100 billion galaxies — that's the visible universe."

Michio Kaku, American theoretical physicist.

Star-studded summer. FX chief reveals hot new season schedule

New series from Billy Crystal, Diane Kruger and horror master Guillermo del Toro are among the star-studded projects bound for FX Canada.

The channel's summer lineup will be anchored by Kruger's crime drama The Bridge, also starring DemiDan Bichir. Premiering July 10, it centres on two detectives — one from the United States and one from Mexico — who must work together to hunt down a serial killer operating on both sides of the U.S.-Mexican border.

The vampire thriller The Strain, from del Toro, is expected to shoot its pilot in Toronto this summer. It features Corey Stoll (House of Cards) as a disease specialist in New York City who is called on to investigate a strange viral outbreak.

Oscar-winner Charlie Kaufman (Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind, Being John Malkovich) is behind the comedy How and Why, which centres on a man who can explain how and why a nuclear reactor works, but is clueless about life. Meanwhile, Crystal writes and stars in The Comedians, a 30-minute, single-camera comedy about a superstar veteran comedian who is reluctantly paired with a younger, edgier comic for a late-night sketch show.

FX Networks boss John Landgraf said the increasingly tough movie marketplace is driving a lot of big Hollywood talent to small screen projects, where premium cable fare is seen as dynamic, exciting and original.

"The loss in some ways of the theatrical feature business is the gain of television," he said.

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Guillermo del Toro. GETTY IMAGE

Quoted

"The loss in some ways of the theatrical feature business is the gain of television."

John Landgraf on how the industry is changing

FX summer highlights

- **The Strain.** Guillermo del Toro directs
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IV Play a rude awakening of a different variety for The-Dream

R&B. Hip hop's premier songwriter goes from racy to ratchet with his brand new album

LAUREN CARTER
Metro World News in New York City

The-Dream has always been a sex-obsessed R&B genius, but now he's turned things up a notch. On his new album, IV Play, which drops this week, the singer, songwriter and producer isn't afraid to express his desires.

He says the extra dose of risqué talk and bawdy calls for sex are a reflection of where he's at in his life, and where we're at as a society. For the uninitiated, this is ratchet-infused R&B.

"I'd like to think it's a very vibe-y, adult album," says the man born Terius Nash. "I've been out, I've been in clubs so I know we're in the ratchet era of things. I'm sure there's been a lot of ratchetness on my album because of what's been going through our culture, which is a good thing, by the way. The 'ratchet' word sounds like it's negative, but it's actually more free than most R&B songs could be, than pop could be. 'I don't give a f—,' that's basically what it's saying."

If IV Play embraces more explicit come-ons — and a few more drug references — than we're used to, it still boasts the same sound we'd expect from the musical mastermind behind some of the most memorable songs in modern R&B.

The-Dream says the new project is 'a very vibe-y adult album.' HANDOUT

The-Dream has crafted megahits for the likes of Beyoncé (Single Ladies, Put a Ring on It), Rihanna (Umbrella) and Justin Bieber (Baby), and racked up multiple Grammy Awards, so it's no surprise that industry heavyweights like Jay-Z, Beyoncé, Pusha T and 2 Chainz appear on IV Play, which rounds out a handful of edgier tracks with sweet serenades and dark, introspective numbers.

Just being honest

"It's like, 'Yo, this is where I am in my life.' I can't make a video or an album for a child that's 16."

The-Dream, on his new, naughtier approach

The wave of ratchet hip-hop may not be the most surprising influence on IV Play, though. You might also hear some classical music making its way into the compositions. The-Dream says it's his favourite genre.

"When those brass horns come in, there's drama tied to that. When the flutes come in, there's some type of majestic feeling that comes over you," he says of the classical compositions he's often listening to. "You're just listening. There's no judgment. It's not 'Yeah, well he sucks, so I'm not listening to whatever his record is or whether he did a magical thing or not or whether that song makes sense.'"

The-Dream says American culture pays more attention to fashion choices and rumours than the most important factor concerning an artist — the music.

"All those genius (composers) were probably kind of crazy themselves, but what we took from them most was that their music was outstanding and they were great at it," he says. "Period."

Forthcoming collaborations

Love vs. money

In addition to finishing up his fifth album (with the title, you'd think IV Play was his fourth) and preparing for the Lights Out tour with Kelly Rowland, The-Dream is collaborating with Kanye West, Beyoncé and Jay-Z. He remains tight-lipped about what those forthcoming collaborations entail.

"I've probably done the least on Kanye's, because he's like a machine like I am and just timing-wise, but I can say I've definitely done a lot of work with Bey and Jay," he says. "It's definitely multiple songs."

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Kid Rock: 'I'm in the scalping business'

Not the only one.
Southern rocker says he's being up front as 'a lot of artists' have been doing it for years behind fans' backs

The 42-year-old Grammy winner, who is launching a summer tour where most tickets are priced at $20, said he's holding about 1,000 tickets from each show and reselling them on ticketsnow.com — owned by Ticketmaster —to make up for the cheaper regular price he's offering.

"I'm in the scalping business, but you know what? We told everyone. A lot of artists have been doing this for years behind fans' backs, taking all these backdoor deals," he said. "We look at StubHub and other places and see what they're selling them for and we just undercut them."

Kid Rock's $20 Best Night Ever Tour kicks off June 28 in Bristow, Va., and the Detroit native, who released his debut album in 1990, said he likely scalped secretly on past tours.

"I'm sure we have," he said. "I can't say for sure, but I'm not going to say that we haven't. I wouldn't be surprised if we did."

Kid Rock's discount ticket pricing is leading a change in the tour industry where scalpers' well-established role as a second source for tickets continues to grow. Along with Kid Rock, key acts like The Rolling Stones, Beyoncé, Paul McCartney, Taylor Swift, Justin Timberlake and Jay-Z have tours this summer, and a number of those tickets are being sold for a much higher price on StubHub and other websites. It's legal, but many artists don't much like it.

"If I see a scalper, I'll scalp him," the Rolling Stones' Keith Richards said, laughing.

He said he would like to play free shows to balance the high cost for tickets. The Rolling Stones' 50 & Counting Tour has a range of ticket prices, and Pollstar reported that the average price of a ticket among the tour's seven shows was $355.14.

"I'd do some free shows. I'd work my butt off and I don't care how much. But these are set up above my head, man," Richards said in a recent interview. "You're kind of locked in a thing here whether you like it or not. I wish it was five bucks a ticket."

The Rolling Stones did play a secret show at the Echoplex club in Los Angeles last month, where fans got in by winning a lottery and had to be ID'd and given photo bracelets to eliminate the chance of scalping the tickets, which were just $20.

But Mick Jagger said there isn't much the artists can do about scalping and secondary sources for tickets.

"The artist is totally powerless in this. People have made a lot of fuss about it before, but on the other side, some people are like, 'We might as well participate in it.' And you can't really blame the artist for participating in it because why shouldn't they in a way?" he said. "I know we don't participate in it, but nevertheless, I don't blame people if they wanted to do it."

"You can look at it like, 'Well, no one's making any money except these secondary ticket selling companies and they're making more money than anyone,'" Jagger continued. "It's completely legal so until it's illegal, there's nothing much anyone can do about that." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kid Rock freely admits he scalps some of his concert tickets. INVISION/AP

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Urban in dark on Idol future but Fuse keeps his creative fire burning bright

New album. Aussie country rocker enjoying the collaborative side of latest offering and so far the reviews are positive

Keith Urban is no different than the rest of us: He has no idea what's going on with American Idol.

"I have no official information of anything," the 45-year-old country singer-guitarist said. "I'm pretty much in the same boat as everybody else here with the rumours that have been floating around. I don't know anything more about what's happening next season. It was like this before I signed on ... so it's not unusual for the Idol folks to be in this place of figuring out what they want to do, then they always pull it together."

Urban's got plenty to distract him while he waits. The Australian country music star has set a Sept. 10 release date for his new album, Fuse, and that means he's got to finish it. Urban thinks he's got a few months of work left to do on the follow-up to 2010's Get Closer, but leaves on tour in mid-July and hasn't left himself much of a cushion.

These things usually don't take so long, but Urban is using a new approach with Fuse. He is branching out from his longtime partnership with producer Dann Huff. While Huff is still onboard on a handful of songs, Urban signed up Jay Joyce, known best in country music for his work with Eric Church and Little Big Town, and Taylor Swift collaborator Nathan Chapman. He's also enlisted rocker Butch Walker.

Urban went to their studios, used their engineers and players, and tried to expand and infuse his sound with their energy. He released the first single, the Chapman-produced Little Bit of Everything, on May 13, and country radio responded positively.

Quoted

"It's just been really creatively liberating for me. I love collaborating.

Country star Keith Urban
On making his latest record Fuse

"It's just been really creatively liberating to me," Urban said. "I love collaborating. It's the thing I've always loved doing, whether it's writing or performing or being in the studio, I love the collaborative process. I think finding people's strengths is the thing I love the most."

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Keith Urban's new record is called Fuse. CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION/AP

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Someone so loved Daft Punk's Random Access Memories that they've covered the entire record using chickens. Wait until you get to the chorus.

Let's Learn/ The Moranbong Band

Not to be outdone by the K-Pop coming from their capitalist southern cousins, North Korea offers this state-sanctioned girl group to the proletariat. Must be seen to be believed.

Reach for the Dead (Reversed) /Boards of Canada

What does it say about this Scottish band's upcoming album Tomorrow's Harvest that fans will listen to it forwards and backwards? And that it sounds good in both directions?

It's Romeo and Juliet — the record label edition

When Elvis Costello and The Roots teamed up for a new album, they knew their pairing was unlikely and unconventional, so they secretly recorded music without the approval of their record labels.

"Sometimes if you ... get the record company involved, then people have ambition rather than starting to play, so we started to play," Costello said in a recent interview.

"We did it without a label or deadline pressure," said Ahmir "Questlove" Thompson as he sat next to Costello. "This absolutely was a passion project."

They began recording Wise Up Ghost, which will be released Sept. 17, two years ago. It's a moody, 12-track album that features both new songs and others borrowed from Costello's catalogue, including the drum-filled Sugar Won't Work, which samples from You Left Me in the Dark, and the soft and simple Tripwire, which takes from Satellite.

Elvis Costello poses for a portrait with drummer Ahmir 'Questlove' Thompson of The Roots. DAN HALLMAN/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Roots first collaborated with Costello on NBC's Late Night With Jimmy Fallon, where the hip-hop group is the house band. They also worked with the 58-year-old British rocker at a Prince tribute concert in March.

"This is like our dream — that's all I can say," a smiling Questlove said. "This is the first project at Fallon where I'm making my musical dreams come true."

Longtime Roots collaborator Steven Mandel co-produced Wise Up Ghost with Questlove and Costello.

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DJ Champion returns after recovering from cancer

When Montreal's DJ Champion was diagnosed with cancer three years ago, he felt strangely confident he could fight it. The outlook for his career, however, appeared terminal.

"I gave up on music," said the 43-year-old musician, born Maxime Morin, from his home recently.

"It was very important for me at that time to get better, to just say: 'OK, I'm done with music. As of now, I do not consider myself a musician anymore. I do not consider myself anything. Just a human being trying to stay alive.'

"We're talking about life — my own life," he added. "Don't (mess) with it. So stop pretending to be someone, and just be alive."

He succeeded there, and as the threat of cancer dissipated, Morin re-engaged with music — resulting in last Tuesday's release of the expressive, elegant 1.

But it's easy to understand why this orchestral feat once seemed an impossible dream.

When Morin was diagnosed with Stage 3 lymphoma in spring 2010, his doctor believed he had only about two or three months to live.

But she didn't share that dire prognostication with the Quebec turntable maestro.

"They don't tell you that when you're about to die," he said with a hearty laugh, showcasing the gallows humour that appears to have become second nature.

"If you have a good doctor, they won't tell you. My doctor didn't tell me that. Because the first time I saw her, she was very subtle, very calm."

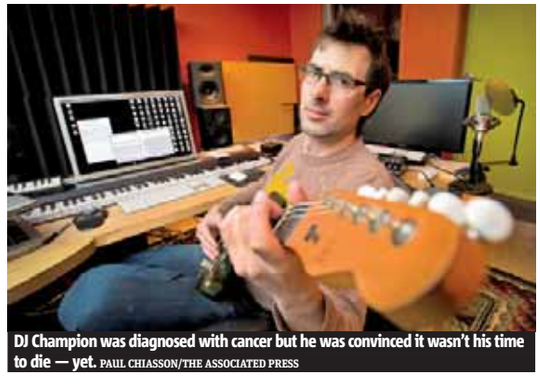
Morin was to have eight treatments and begin medication. And he was going to survive. "She told me with her conviction ... she was going to heal me, and save me," he recalled. "That's it, that's all. No questions asked.

"I was convinced that it wasn't my time," he added. "Yes, I was going to die, but not that day, not that year, not right now. I was convinced of that."

He was right, which he'd find out about six months later. Morin was given a clean bill of health. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The album

- 1 certainly is new, a marked departure from DJ Champion's previous work — which was often characterized by the inspired alchemy of such seemingly disparate genres as grunge, electronic, soul and dance.
- On his latest work, Champion is uncommonly focused, creating an ornately orchestrated journey through the harrowing but ultimately triumphant recent years of his life. He's still incorporating giddy bits from every corner of his record collection — with guitars and electro baubles gleaming above the surface — but the album's ever-present strings bind the mix to a symphonic sonic framework.
- Champion said the album is meant to represent him, warts and all. "I wanted to be transparent," he said. "This is who I am. This is what I am. That's why no blues songs or blues-grunge songs are there. I wanted to show I can't sing. I'm a bad singer. That's who I am."



DJ Champion was diagnosed with cancer but he was convinced it wasn't his time to die — yet. PAUL CHIASSON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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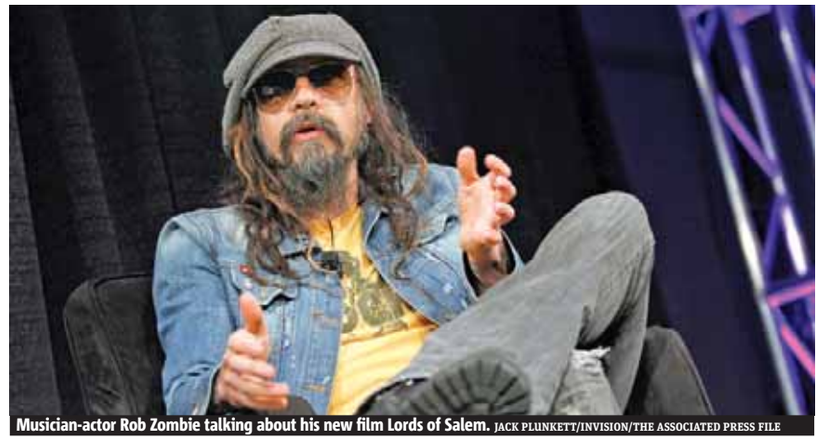
Musician-actor Rob Zombie talking about his new film Lords of Salem. JACK PLUNKETT/INVISION/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Interview. 48-year-old Zombie talks about his music, movies, and whether he'll ever bring his sound and vision to the Broadway stage

It's becoming harder and harder to define Rob Zombie.

The theatrical rocker who began his career with the '80s shock-rock band White Zombie has reinvented himself as a contemporary horror film master with new classics like House of 1000 Corpses and the recently released, The Lords of Salem. And when the latter became the victim of budgetary constraints, Zombie turned to the written word for a more elaborate account of his witches' tale in a novel version of The Lords of Salem released in March.

Zombie then turned his attention back to music with his fifth studio album, Venomous Rat Regeneration Vendor. Released last month, he plans to support the record with a summer tour of the states, and an appearance at the Rock in Rio Festival in Brazil.

Zombie will switch gears again as he tackles mainstream fare with The Broad Street Bullies, a movie that covers the aggressive nature of the Philadelphia Flyers and their assault on the NHL culminating with back-to-back Stanley Cup wins in the 1970's. Zombie will write, produce, and direct the film.

How hard was it to transition from producing a movie to recording an album?

The record was done at that point but what I did was I finished Lords of Salem, I finished editing this movie in a barn, stripped the editing bay out, and moved the recording studio in. Went right into recording the record and just stayed away from California where we normally would record. We were out in the sticks. Stayed there for a couple months and this is the record we made and much like Lords of Salem in a sense, even though the projects aren't connected, I feel they both have the same free spirit of, like, not worrying about you know, 'Oh, is this what anybody expects? Is this what anybody wants?' I always feel when you think that way that's usually when you do the best stuff because ...you're not concerned.

Your movies and music have a lot of fans here, but it seems you're appreciated more overseas. Any idea why?

I read this quote from Woody Allen and he was referring to the way Europeans have embraced cinema compared to Americans where in America you're only as good as your last thing is the way that they'll look at you, whereas in Europe you're only as good as your best thing. So, if the best thing you did was 20 years ago they'll still treat you like that's where you're at. It seems like that's just a different thought process. Americans are more like, 'What's new? What's the next thing?'

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You grew up a (Boston) Bruins fan, and are now doing a movie on the Flyers.

Someone just came to me who had the rights to the story and didn't know I was a hockey fan. He had seen The Devil's Rejects and for once, someone could look past the subject and just at the film. He said: "This movie feels like it was made in that time period. This movie has the spirit of what I can see a '70s hockey movie (having)." And that's how it happened.

So you want to be known as more than a horror director?

This reporter called me up one time and said: "These new horror directors, we're going to call them the 'splat pack,' we want to talk to you about that." I said I don't want to have anything to do with it. I didn't get into directing to be part of some club with a weird name you made up.

There's apparently much more to you than meets the eye. Music, horror movies, now a sports history flick. Do you have any plans to do a Broadway musical?

At one point I started making a few moves to get it going. I really thought my first film, House of 1000 Corpses, could work as a Broadway musical because it has those elements of ridiculousness that could translate to the stage of somewhere between Hairspray and Rocky Horror Picture Show. I look at Broadway the way I do Las Vegas and I used to go to Las Vegas and it always said Sammy Davis Jr. on the marquee and now it says Motley Crue. Just like you come to Broadway and you used to always see Annie Get Your Gun and now it says Spider-Man. It's like the crowds just change and I feel like soon, maybe in 10 years or 20 years, there will be a group of people that now are bringing their kids to Broadway like 'Oh, House of 1000 Corpses musical. Let's go see that.'

A photo's worth a thousand words, Photograph is worth a little more

Never-before-seen photos of the Beatles by Ringo Starr will be included in his new book, titled Photograph.

An e-book will be published June 12 in conjunction with the upcoming Grammy Museum exhibit, Ringo: Peace & Love, in Los Angeles, Genesis Publications and Starr announced Wednesday.

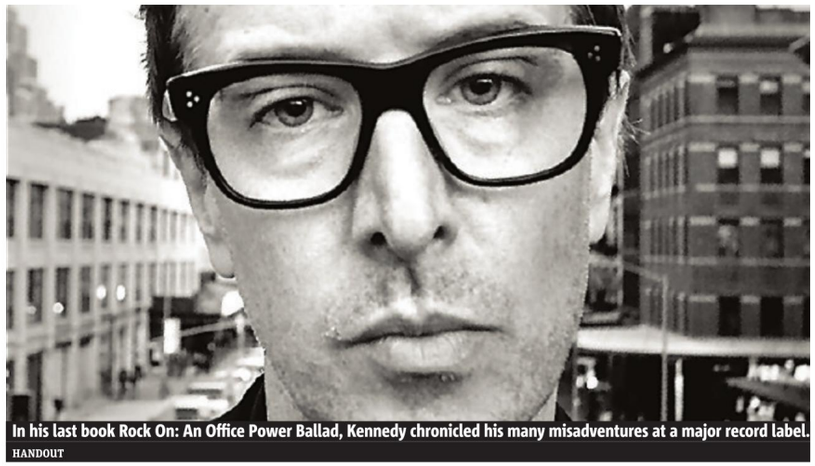
Select images from the book, which also includes unpublished images from his personal archive, will be displayed at the exhibit.

A limited-edition handbound book signed by Starr will be available in December.

Starr's photographs and stories "portray four lads from Liverpool, trying to live normal lives amidst the frenzy that surrounded them," the statement said.

He previously published Postcards From the Boys. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

British musician Ringo Starr. JOEL RYAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



In his last book Rock On: An Office Power Ballad, Kennedy chronicled his many misadventures at a major record label.
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‘We never know what the halfway point is’

Smells — and reads — like American Spirit. The host of The Moth podcast tries his hand at the great American novel

DOROTHY ROBINSON
Metro World News in New York

Dan Kennedy is known to legions of fans of The Moth as host of their weekly podcast, a medium where truth is held in high regard and fictionalizing is frowned upon.

But after a 2008 memoir (Rock On: An Office Power Ballad) Kennedy is making his first foray into fiction. American Spirit follows the 40-something Matthew as his life slowly unravels. Kennedy says he could maybe relate to the character — but just maybe.

Why is the mid-life crisis so fascinating?

I suppose because it really doesn’t matter who you are or what you do. When it occurs to you, you may, in the best-case scenario, be halfway done with your life. It tends to grab your attention. I guess we never know what the halfway point is. History is full of people who didn’t realize they were middle aged at 14, you know? Have I started the interview on a positive note?

How was switching from nonfiction and essays to developing a novel?

I hit a point in writing where I just wasn’t fond of dragging friends into it for the sake of a laugh. At a certain point you’re having a nice weekend with someone and something weird happens and you can see them thinking: “Don’t tell me Shakespeare here is gonna throw me into his next little essay.”

A question of character

Is 40-something Matthew based on anyone?

- He’s a guy who can’t figure out what to do when his job is gone, his marriage is doomed, the money’s running out fast, he’s drinking in suburban grocery store parking lots, eating hallucinogens and then burning frequent flier miles flying around the world making a bigger mess of things for himself. ... I’ve, uh, never known anyone like him.

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Hemsworth's bros pushed for breakup

After weeks of breakup rumours, Miley Cyrus and fiancé Liam Hemsworth have reportedly called it quits, according to Us Weekly.

"They are definitely over," a source says.

The split was apparently precipitated by Hemsworth's older brothers, Chris and Luke, staging an intervention about his love life in April.

Cyrus and Hemsworth have been engaged since July.

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The Word

Settle down Twihards — Rob and Katy just friends

Robert Pattinson has been leaning a lot on pal Katy Perry in the wake of his split from Kristen Stewart — so much so that it's beginning to turn heads.

But sources insist to E! News that their pairing is strictly platonic.

"Nothing is going on between Rob and Katy. They are just super-good friends. There is nothing romantic about it," a source says.

"Rob and Katy are just very similar people and she adores him, as a friend, and she just wants to be there for him as a mate."

As for Pattinson's relationship coming to an end, the Twilight star is reportedly taking it in stride.

"Rob is doing fine since the breakup," the source adds.

"He is not particularly cut up about it or anything. He is doing just fine."

David Beckham

Grill it like Beckham

With his days playing soccer behind him, David Beckham is clearly on the lookout for new ways to spend his time.

One way, as it turns out, is teaming with pal Gordon Ramsay to open a sports bar and grill in the Wynn Hotel in Las Vegas, according to the Sun.

"The Strip has never seen such fierce competition for food, but Gordon's places are full seven nights a week," a source tells the newspaper.

"When you add David Beckham's global status into the mix it has the potential to be the most talked about restaurant in Vegas."

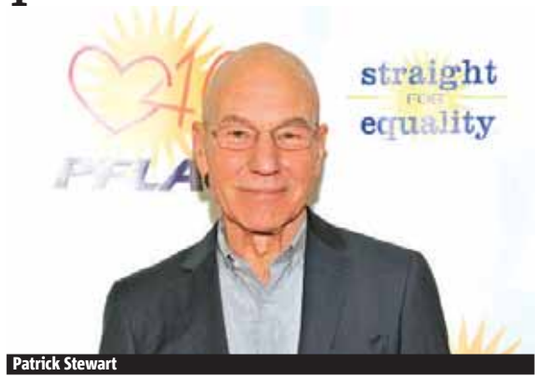
But not so fast, everybody. Beckham's rep insists that the rumours of the Vegas joint venture are completely unfounded, though they are opening a London restaurant, Union Street Cafe, in September.

Slice of pizza? Make it so

If Patrick Stewart's Twitter account is to be believed, the X-Men star has never had a slice of pizza — until now. Stewart posted a photo of himself indulging in some of New York's finest, along with the caption, "My first ever pizza 'slice.' Please note the authentic NY fold."

It is curious, of course, that he put slice in quotes. A followup tweet by Stewart to offer clarification actually didn't offer much clarification.

"To clarify," he wrote, "I've never had a 'slice.'"



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Toast marshmallow on skewer. Place it and chocolate between snickerdoodles, using top cookie to clamp marshmallow in place and help remove it from skewer. Squish the cookies together, let cool slightly and enjoy.

Sesame Carmel

- 1 marshmallow
- 1-oz piece caramel-filled chocolate
- 2 pieces sesame crisp bread

Toast marshmallow on skewer. Carefully put it and caramel-filled chocolate between crisp bread, using top piece to clamp the marshmallow in place and help remove it from skewer. Squish crisps together, let cool slightly and enjoy.

Salted Oatmeal

- 1 marshmallow
- 1-oz piece sea salted dark chocolate
- 1 square soft caramel, flattened with your palms
- 2 oatmeal cookies

Toast marshmallow on skewer and place it, chocolate and caramel between cookies, using top cookie to clamp marshmallow in place. Squish cookies together, let cool slightly and enjoy.

Double Choco Grasshopper

- 1 marshmallow
- 2 mint-filled chocolates
- 2 chocolate graham crackers

Toast marshmallow on skewer. Place it and chocolates between graham crackers, using the top cracker to help remove marshmallow from skewer. Squish crackers together, let cool slightly and enjoy

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Liquid Assets

Grown-up apple juice

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Rejoice apple lovers, for I predict this will be the summer of cider.

It's been a long time coming in Canada. You'd think that as an apple-producing country, fermented apple juice would be a hot commodity. But unlike our drinking compatriots in Europe, we've relegated it to second tier beverage status.

You don't have to be a Coronation Street fan to know Brits enjoy a pint of the thirst-quenching stuff — it's an on-tap standard at pubs across the U.K.

Since they are both easy-drinkers, I've no doubt that there's a correlation between the exploding craft beer industry and the way consumers are embracing the wave of specialty cider hitting our shores.

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Vine Arts Wine and Music

Join Erik Mercier for a wine and music tasting on Friday. Sled Island Music Festival is coming up in June and Vine Arts is playing homage to the homegrown fest. Your spot will cost $60 and includes six wines paired to six songs from this year's lineup. Erik has matched the character, tone, dynamics, instrumentation and tempo with the wine. Call 403-290-0700. Vine Arts Wine and Spirits, 1310 – 1st St. SW Calgary

Ian Tyson

Ian Tyson is playing at the Rotary Performing Arts Centre in Okotoks June 1 and 2 starting at 8 p.m. The country music crooner, member of the Order of Canada and winner of Canada's number one song of the 20th Century by CBC listeners in 2006 is set to entertain with his songs inspired by the Canadian West. The Centre is a restored and converted church that has a 150-person capacity, which is sure to be an up-close and personal acoustic evening. For tickets call 403-938-3204, 3 Elma St. Okotoks.

Why'd the comedian cross the road?

The 13th annual Comedy Fest is on now until Sunday June 9. With 11 nights and 70 stand-up comics, you're sure to get an ab workout from the laughs. Each show features between four and eight performers and runs 90 to 120 minutes; the shows take place in a variety of venues across town. Check out the events schedule at funnyfest.com.

A Creative Affair

A Creative Affair at the Hotel Arts on Friday celebrates art and creativity while raising funds for the Alberta Diabetes Foundation.
The event showcases the work of local artists plus a selection of works created by some of Canada's best-known celebrities, from Dr. David Suzuki to Rick Mercer. The evening also includes tapas and live entertainment and will kick off at 7 p.m. For more information and tickets, which are $95, call 403-228-1488 or check out afdr.ab.ca/a-creative-affair. Hotel Arts — 119 12 Ave. SW

Underwear Affair

On Saturday, the Underwear Affair, a fundraiser for the Alberta Cancer Foundation, aims to uncover the cure for below-the-waist cancers like prostate, colon and ovarian. There's a five km run, a 10 km run and, new for this year, the Booty Hunt, a scavenger quest through Calgary. Music, crazy games, and food booths will greet runners as they register at Max Bell Centre. Post-finish line, participants can celebrate at the EXPOsed Afterparty for a night of indulgence and fun. uncoverthecure.org

Sled Island Pre-Festival Party at Luke's Drug Mart

Sled Island has partnered with Luke's Drug Mart to present a pre-festival party for Sled Island. On Sunday, The Rural Alberta Advantage, Ladyhawk and other special guests will be performing a free show in the pharmacy's parking lot in Bridgeland. The event will run between noon and 5 p.m. and all ages are welcome. Luke's Drug Mart is located at 112 4 St. North East, Calgary. Tickets for Sled Island will be on sale at Luke's Drug Mart.

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Select a diet specific to your pet's needs to ensure it lives a healthy life. DEKLOFENAK/VEER

It's difficult watching your dog woefully begging for a few of your table scraps. While it might be tempting to scrape your plate into Fido's bowl, is it really a good idea?

"Dogs have distinct nutritional needs, different from humans," said Dr. Donna Curtin, a board member with the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association and a veterinarian with a specific expertise and interest in dog nutrition. "Studies show that after two or three months of eating food that is not specifically prepared or formulated for dogs, they become nutrient deficient."

In order to ensure your dog enjoys a healthy diet, here are a few things you should be considering when feeding your canine companion.

Feed your dog a balanced diet. All-meat diets, table scraps or dog foods that are not optimally formulated to meet a dog's nutritional needs are not the best choices. "Select a high-quality, reputable, commercial food for your dog," Curtin said. "They're formulated to ensure your dog receives all the valuable nutrients he can absorb."

Hard and soft foods are both good for your pet. According to Curtin, "both are good, and if your dog learns to eat both then neither will be strange or foreign." Some dog owners worry that canned food isn't good for their dog's teeth, but Curtin says otherwise. "Canned food doesn't cause dental disease any more than kibble. If you're looking for a food that helps the teeth, there are diets specifically formulated to clean them."

Select a diet specific to your pet's needs. Pick a formulation that works best for your dog's needs. "Work with your veterinarian to determine the best formulation for your dog based on his specific age, breed and health concerns," Curtin said.

How much is too much?

"If dog food is formulated by a reputable company, you can follow the guidelines on the packaging," said Dr. Donna Curtin, a board member with the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association. "Dog food companies have done feeding trials to ensure they know how much you should be giving your dog."

However, consider such things as your dog's age and lifestyle — if your pet is sedentary or older it may not need as much food.

MICHELLE WILLIAMS

Feed your dog at specific feeding times, don't just leave food down all the time. ANDRESR/VEER

Feeding time. Don't let Rover go overboard

Feeding your dog should be simple, so here are some easy ways you can optimize your pet's diet and lifestyle.

1 Don't leave the food down all the time. Just feed your dog at their specific feeding time. "Dogs won't self-regulate, which means they can end up eating too much and becoming obese," said Dr. Donna Curtin, an Ontario Veterinary Medical Association board member and veterinarian with a specific expertise and interest in dog nutrition.

2 Keep the water bowl clean. It's vital that your dog always has a ready supply of clean water. Be sure to top it up after your dog has been active or spent time outside in the summer heat. "This is especially true for little dogs, because it dilutes their urine and makes them less prone to urinary crystals, which form together to make bladder stones," Curtin said.

3 Watch the treats. "Dog treats are formulated to be given to your pet occasionally, so limit treats to once or twice daily," Curtin said. Filling up on treats may make your dog lose interest in its meals, so consider a game of fetch, a belly rub or a cuddle — your dog will love that just as much.

4 Get healthy together. Walk your dog at least once a day to keep your pet's heart, bones and muscles healthy and to help maintain a healthy weight. Just letting your dog out in the backyard won't ensure it gets the exercise it needs. Get out and walk, throw a ball or play a game of soccer together. "It's great pet bonding time, too," Curtin said. And keeping your dog active means you are exercising, too, which benefits you both. MICHELLE WILLIAMS

Maintaining a healthy weight

- You want to be sure your dog maintains a healthy weight — that means "you should be able to see your dog's 'waist' and you should easily be able to feel her ribs," said Dr. Donna Curtin, a board member with the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association. If not, you may reconsider what you feed your dog and how much you are feeding it. Don't forget that if your dog has weight challenges, it's also important to add more exercise to its routine.

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NHL playoffs

Regehr re-ups with Kings

Defenceman Robyn Regehr agreed to a two-year, $6-million US contract extension with the Los Angeles Kings on Thursday, passing up free agency this summer to stick with the defending Stanley Cup champions.

The Kings announced the deal while the team travelled to Chicago for the start of the Western Conference finals on Saturday.

The former Calgary Flame has appeared in just 12 regular-season games and 13 playoff contests with the Kings, who acquired him from the Buffalo Sabres on April 1 in a trade for two second-round draft picks.

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Tennis

Former French Open champ upset in 2nd round

Interrupted by a rain delay, 2011 French Open champion Li Na lost to American Bethanie Mattek-Sands 5-7, 6-3, 6-2 in the second round at Roland Garros on Thursday.

Following the second delay of the match, Mattek-Sands won seven consecutive games to take a 5-love lead in the final set. She served out the victory with the sun shining and rain falling.

Li was seeded sixth. Since winning her lone major title, she has lost in the first or second round at four of the eight Grand Slams.

Mattek-Sands, ranked 67th, matched her best showing at Roland Garros.

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Kings goalie Jonathan Quick leads in goals-against average (1.50), save percentage (.948) and shutouts (three). MARK J. TERRILL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Low-scoring Kings in rush to help Quick

NHL playoffs. Could be a speedy exit for L.A. if high-flying Chicago solves red-hot goalie

After a rare day off for rest and contemplation, the Los Angeles Kings came back focused on what's missing from their run at a second straight Stanley Cup title.

If the Kings can't score more, they probably can't scare mighty Chicago.

"We have to find a way to get the offensive part of the game accomplished without sacrificing the D," captain Dustin Brown said Thursday between the Kings' brief practice and their flight to Chicago. "We haven't been able to do that yet, especially on the road. There's no one reason, but it all comes back to hard work."

The defending champs are averaging exactly two goals per game in the post-season, lowest among the eight NHL teams who survived the first round. The Blackhawks are scoring 2.75 goals per game, while Pittsburgh and Boston are both above three goals per game.

The Kings realize they've got to help out Jonathan Quick, whose dominant goaltending propelled them — or maybe carried them — into their second straight Western Conference finals appearance starting Saturday at United Center.

Quick has allowed just 20 goals in 13 post-season games, but the Conn Smythe Trophy winner and his sturdy defence haven't faced an offence with the Blackhawks' speed and depth. Quick realizes the Kings must do more to reach their second straight cup final.

"We've all got to get a lot better," Quick said. "We know we've got some work to do to beat those guys, because they had the best record in the regular season. They're as tough as anybody out there."

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Getting underway

- **Eastern Conference finals.** Bruins at Penguins, Game 1: Saturday, 6 p.m. (CBC)
- **Western Conference finals.** Kings at Blackhawks, Game 1: Saturday, 3 p.m. (TSN)

4 SPORTS

Heat push Pacers to brink in torrid series

NBA playoffs. LeBron James flops to it after league imposes fines hours before tip-off

There will be no win-or-else Game 6 in the Eastern Conference finals for the Miami Heat this season. LeBron James saw to that, and now the reigning champions are one victory from a third-straight trip to the NBA Finals.

James finished with 30 points, eight rebounds and six assists, Udonis Haslem made his last eight shots on the way to a 16-point night, and the Heat used a dominant third quarter to turn things around and beat the Indiana Pacers 90-79 in Game 5 on Thursday.

Mario Chalmers scored 12 points and Dwyane Wade added 10 for the Heat, who lead the series 3-2 and will look to close it out at Indiana on Saturday night. The Heat ousted the Pacers in six games in a second-round matchup last season.

Paul George had 27 points and 11 rebounds for the Pacers, who got 22 points from Roy Hibbert and 17 from David West. The Pacers led by as many as seven at one point, but had no answer for the Heat in the third, getting outscored 30-13 in the period, including 21-6 in the final seven minutes.

James and Haslem combined for 26 points in the third, and were simply too much. Haslem's first shot of the night hit the side of the backboard. He didn't miss again, going 8-for-8 and sealing it with a jumper with 1:51 left — 12 seconds before drawing an offensive foul against Lance Stephenson, the sixth for the Pacers guard, who finished with just four points.

A year ago, the Heat lost Game 5 of the East finals to Boston, and needed a 45-point game from James in Game 6 just to extend their season.

Not this time.

The finals — and a date with San Antonio — are now one win away.

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Game 5

Heat	Pacers
90	79

Flopping fines

As if this one needed any more buildup, there was plenty of news long before tipoff.

- The NBA announced in the morning that it fined James, West and Lance Stephenson $5,000 apiece for flopping in Game 4.
- Hibbert and West also said they have to protect their knees when Shane Battier is in the game.

Chris Andersen of the Heat and Tyler Hansbrough of the Pacers yell at each other after a foul in the first half during Game 5 of the Eastern Conference finals in Miami. The Heat won 90-79. STREETER LECKA/GETTY IMAGES

NCAA. Cross-section of Penn State community joins in Paternos' lawsuit

From former players to faculty members, a mini cross-section of the Penn State community has partnered with the late head coach Joe Paterno's family in suing the NCAA to overturn the landmark sanctions against the school for the Jerry Sandusky child sex-abuse scandal.

While the Paternos are the headliners among the plaintiffs in the civil suit filed Thursday in Centre County court, 19 others with ties to Penn State are also seeking a jury trial to reverse what they call the NCAA's swift and unlawful punishment of the storied football program.

Paul Kelly, an attorney representing trustees, faculty, and former players and coaches, said the action related to the impact on "the entire Penn State community."

"I would say the overwhelming majority of the complaints and the facts really relate to ... due process, and the fairness and actions of the NCAA," Kelly said in a phone interview. "It's much broader than (the Paterno family's claims) and I hope people realize that."

Therefore, Kelly said, his clients had no other choice but to turn to the courts "since the NCAA acted in an area in which it had no authority, failed to follow its own rules, forcibly imposed an onerous result on innocent parties" and refused to recognize appeal efforts.

Penn State coach Joe Paterno died in January 2012. GETTY IMAGES FILE

In Irving, Texas, NCAA president Mark Emmert — named as a defendant in the lawsuit — said he had not reviewed the filing and declined comment Thursday on individual cases. He spoke to reporters after addressing Big 12 Conference presidents and athletic directors during their spring meeting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian skiing

Veterans headline all-star ski team

Crystal Globe winner Marielle Thompson and veteran racers Chris Del Bosco, Brady Leman and Kelsey Serwa headline the Canadian ski cross team roster for the 2013-14 season.

"We're coming into this season with a very strong team that includes some of the best ski cross racers in the world as well as a new wave of athletes who have great potential," Canada Ski Cross athletic director Dave Ellis said Thursday in a release. "Our goal is to get back to being No. 1 in the world and we want to have a man and a woman on the podium in Sochi.

"With the team we have announced for 2013-14, we feel very positive about our chances of achieving those goals." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Guan creates more memories

China's Guan Tianlang hits out of the bunker on the 17th hole at the Memorial Tournament on Thursday in Dublin, Ohio. Tianlang, the 14-year-old amateur, continues to add to his scrapbook of incredible feats. The eighth-grader shot an even-par 72 in the opening round of the Memorial Tournament, one of the toughest and most respected courses on the PGA Tour. Charl Schwartzel had a one-shot overall lead over Scott Piercy and was six shots clear of five-time winner Tiger Woods. ANDY LYONS/GETTY IMAGES

Braves bash around Blue Jays, Dickey in Atlanta

MLB. Sixth inning proves to be turning point as Braves pull away from Toronto

On Thursday

Braves	Blue Jays
11	3

Ramiro Pena drove in four runs with three hits, including a run-scoring single in the sixth that gave Atlanta the lead, Mike Minor pitched seven strong innings and the Braves' makeshift lineup had 16 hits in an 11-3 win over R.A. Dickey and the Toronto Blue Jays on Thursday night.

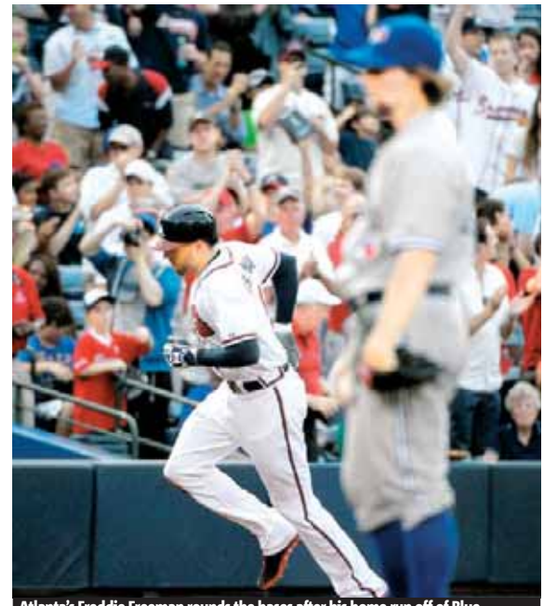
Freddie Freeman and Reed Johnson homered and Evan Gattis had three hits. Jordan Schafer added a two-run single in the sixth.

Pena, Schafer and Gattis made the most of fill-in starts as Braves manager Fredi Gonzalez rested three regulars hitting below .200: Outfielders B.J. Upton and Jason Heyward and second baseman Dan Uggla.

Minor (7-2) gave up six hits and three runs — two earned — with five strikeouts and no walks in winning his fourth straight decision.

Dickey (4-7) allowed 11 hits and six runs in six innings.

It was Dickey's fourth start allowing six or more runs this season, leaving his ERA at 5.18. The Blue Jays scored three runs in the sixth to pull even at three, but the Braves scored three runs off Dickey in the bottom of the inning. Pena's infield single drove in Gattis, who led off with a single. Schafer singled with two outs to drive in Chris Johnson, who reached on a fielder's choice grounder, and Pena. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Atlanta's Freddie Freeman rounds the bases after his home run off of Blue Jays starter R.A. Dickey on Thursday at Turner Field. DAVID TULIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

PITTSBURGH (1) VS. BOSTON (4)

Saturday's game
Boston at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Monday's game
Boston at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Wednesday's game
Pittsburgh at Boston, 8 p.m.
Friday's game
Pittsburgh at Boston, 8 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-Boston at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.
Tuesday's game
x-Pittsburgh at Boston, TBD
Wednesday's game
x-Boston at Pittsburgh, TBD

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CHICAGO (1) VS. LOS ANGELES (5)

Saturday's game
Los Angeles at Chicago, 5 p.m.
Sunday's game
Los Angeles at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Tuesday's game
Chicago at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Thursday's game
Chicago at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Saturday's game
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Monday's game
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Wednesday's game
x-Los Angeles at Chicago, TBD
x — played only if necessary.

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE FINALS

(Best-of-7 series; All times Eastern)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

MIAMI (1) VS INDIANA (3)

(Miami leads 3-2)
Thursday's result
Miami 90 Indiana 79

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SAN ANTONIO (2) VS MEMPHIS (5)

(San Antonio wins 4-0)

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	32	22	.593	—
New York	30	23	.566	1½
Baltimore	30	24	.556	2
Tampa Bay	28	24	.538	3
Toronto	23	31	.426	9

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	29	22	.569	—
Cleveland	29	24	.547	1
Chicago	24	27	.471	5
Minnesota	22	28	.440	6½
Kansas City	21	29	.420	7½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	33	20	.623	—
Oakland	31	24	.564	3
Los Angeles	24	29	.453	9
Seattle	23	31	.426	10½
Houston	16	37	.302	17

Thursday's results
Texas 9 Arizona 5
Baltimore 2 Washington 0
N.Y. Mets 3 N.Y. Yankees 1
Cleveland 7 Cincinnati 1
Milwaukee at Minnesota
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels
Wednesday's results
Baltimore 9 Washington 6
N.Y. Mets 9 N.Y. Yankees 4
Cleveland 5 Cincinnati 2
Arizona at Texas, postponed
Minnesota 4 Milwaukee 1
L.A. Angels 4 L.A. Dodgers 3
Friday's games
All times Eastern
Detroit (Scherzer 7-0) at Baltimore (Gonzalez 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Moore 8-0) at Cleveland (Kluber 3-3), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Lester 6-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 4-4), 7:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Davis 3-4) at Texas (Holland 4-2), 8:05 p.m.
Seattle (Iwakuma 5-1) at Minnesota (Pelfrey 3-5), 8:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Axelrod 3-3) at Oakland (Colon 5-2), 10:05 p.m.
Houston (Keuchel 1-2) at L.A. Angels (Hanson 2-1), 10:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	32	21	.604	—
Washington	27	27	.500	5½
Philadelphia	26	28	.481	6½
New York	22	29	.431	9
Miami	13	41	.241	19½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	35	17	.673	—
Pittsburgh	34	20	.630	2
Cincinnati	33	21	.611	3
Chicago	22	30	.423	13
Milwaukee	19	33	.365	16

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	30	23	.566	—
San Francisco	29	25	.537	1½
Colorado	28	25	.528	2
San Diego	24	29	.453	6
Los Angeles	22	29	.431	7

Thursday's results
Chicago Cubs 8 Chicago White Sox 3
Seattle 7 San Diego 1
San Francisco 5 Oakland 2
Boston 9 Philadelphia 2
Pittsburgh 1 Detroit 0 (11)
Atlanta 11 Toronto 3
Tampa Bay 5 Miami 2
Kansas City at St. Louis
Houston at Colorado
Wednesday's results
Chicago Cubs 9 Chicago White Sox 3
Philadelphia 4 Boston 3
Pittsburgh 5 Detroit 3
Toronto 3 Atlanta 0
Tampa Bay 3 Miami 1
St. Louis 5 Kansas City 3
Houston 6 Colorado 3
San Diego 3 Seattle 2 (10)
Oakland 9 San Francisco 6
Friday's games — All times Eastern
Arizona (Miley 3-4) at Chicago Cubs (Garza 0-0), 2:20 p.m.
Milwaukee (Gallardo 3-5) at Philadelphia (Hamels 1-8), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Cueto 2-0) at Pittsburgh (Rodriguez 6-2), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Marcum 0-5) at Miami (Turner 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 3-5) at Atlanta (Teheran 3-1), 7:30 p.m.
San Francisco (Cain 4-2) at St. Louis (Miller 5-3), 8:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-3) at Colorado (Garland 3-6), 8:40 p.m.
Toronto (Jenkins 1-0) at San Diego (Marquis 6-2), 10:10 p.m.

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You will be in a social mood today and you are advised to get whatever obligations you have out of the way quickly so you can focus on more interesting things — and people. Friends are fun, and so are you.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
It may feel as if your life is in limbo but don't worry about it. You will soon be moving in the right direction. The road may at times be tough but you're tough enough to walk it.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
If you let people know what it is you are planning, you make it easier for them to compete with you, so keep it to yourself for the time being. Knowledge is power and power is not something you just give away.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
If you focus on negative thoughts then, inevitably, you will get negative results. As Mars moves into the most sensitive area of your chart today, you must be positive in every possible way.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You are in an aggressive mood and it's likely that someone you encounter today will bring out the worst in you. Try to remember though that not everyone is your enemy.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
As Mars moves into the career area of your chart today, you may find yourself looking over your shoulder more often than you should. "Enemies" cannot do anything to hurt you.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
No matter how many little things may have gone wrong, big things are still going well and will continue to move in your favour. The world is a wonderful place — and getting better by the minute.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Focus on the good things in life. According to the planets, you can't do a thing wrong at the moment — and even if you do, Mercury will help you talk your way out of it.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your luck seems to be in at the moment and you would not be human if you did not take advantage of it. Don't listen to those who say it is immoral to succeed while others fail.

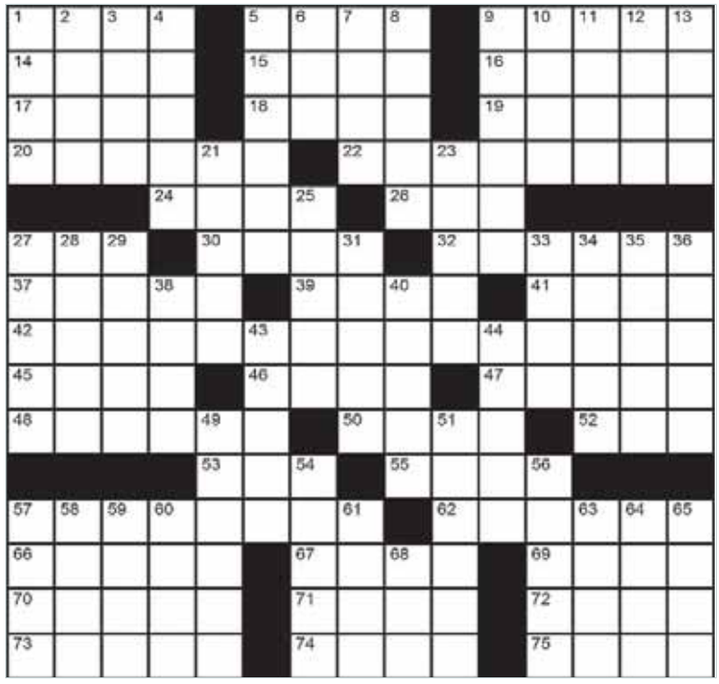
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Look at the world and see what a wonderful place it is. With a little bit of optimism, you can achieve some extraordinary things. What might you achieve with a lot?

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Find ways to combine words and actions. With Mars, planet of energy, moving in your favour there is nothing you cannot do if you put your mind to it. And there's the only problem: you seem distracted.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If someone gives you a tough time today, you must take them on. If you let them get away with saying untrue things, they will take it as a sign of weakness. Stand up for yourself. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

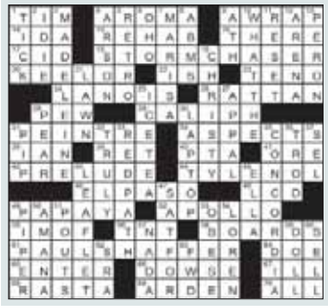
BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across
1. Chatters
5. "Ah, me."
9. Bedding linen
14 Rush, office-style
15. Do some road-work
16. Mr. Pig
17. Fodder holder
18. Ransack
19. Boring tool
20. The Rachel, in the 1990s, for one
22. Alberta's provincial flower: 2 wds.
24. Office fill-in worker
26. Scottish negative
27. Cave's ceiling clinger
30. "Want to make __?"
32. __ and bass (Stereo knobs)
37. Like the potatoes in the pot
39. Scooby's sniffer
41. Alex Rodriguez, to baseball fans
42. k.d. lang hit: 2 wds.
45. Cooking show appliance
46. Swerve
47. Slim spot to sit on
48. Get comfy
50. Shania Twain's ex-hubby Mr. Lange
52. R's spelled-out follower
53. Ceramics, for example
55. Bar beverage
57. Ontario hometown of The Tragically Hip
62. Typos
66. "Chasing Pavements" songstress
67. Charlize Theron movie, "__ Flux" (2005)
69. Exuberance
70. Happen again
71. Beach volleyball surface
72. Birthday dessert
73. The Great __
74. Cafeteria carrier
75. Understood

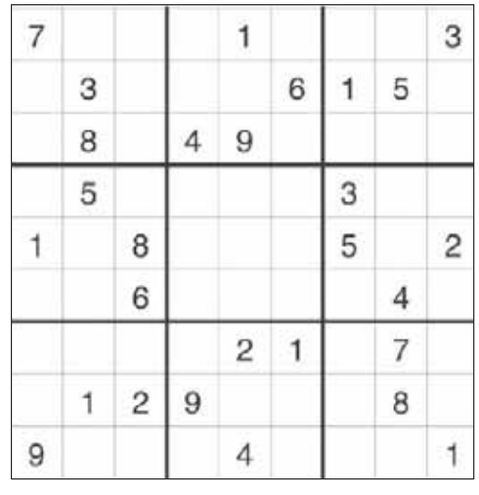
Down
1. Large cut
2. "Heat of the Moment" band
3. Island of Indonesia
4. Football, for example
5. Poise
6. Philosopher, __-tzu
7. Profess
8. __ stone (Cannot be changed): 2 wds.
9. "Boston Legal" actor James
10. "This __ Has 22 Minutes" on CBC
11. Thus
12. __ out a living
13. Ancient port of Lebanon
21. Gave out
23. Afterwards
25. Short-tubed pasta
27. John Candy comedy, "Canadian __" (1995)
28. Over
29. Hues
31. __ pole
33. Roof part
34. Wedding gown wearer
35. Yearns
36. Boundaries
38. "__ She Lovely" by Stevie Wonder
40. Surgeon's pre-surgery cleanse
43. Deflect
44. Vary
49. Cosmetic surgery tools
51. Like followers of fads
54. Wedding reception salute
56. Sunken ship
57. Communist, __ Marx
58. Brain wave
59. Spot for some jewelry
60. Sticky stuff
61. By
63. The __ Parsons Project
64. __ 1, as per movie scene filming
65. From the start again
68. "__ _ Carousel" by The Hollies

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

1	6	8	3	5	9	4	2	7
4	5	9	7	2	6	3	1	8
7	2	3	4	1	8	9	6	5
2	7	5	9	8	1	6	3	4
3	9	6	5	7	4	2	8	1
8	4	1	2	6	3	7	5	9
6	1	7	8	9	2	5	4	3
9	8	4	6	3	5	1	7	2
5	3	2	1	4	7	8	9	6

Weather

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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